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SEVENTY-FIRST REPORT
OF THE
CONGREGATIONAL
HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY

PRESENTED BY THE

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

AT THE

ANNUAL MEETING, JUNE 2, 1897

SARATOGA SPRINGS, N. Y.



THE CONGREGATIONAL HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY
1897

The Congregational Home Missionary Society

porated under the laws of the State of New York. It was organized in the York, May 10th, 1826, by a convention of friends of Home Missions, represent four denominations of evangelical Christians: Congregationalists, Presby-Reformed, and United Presbyterians. These worked together harmoniously il one after another—the Presbyterians last, in 1860—they organized their inational boards, by which they are still doing efficient and increasing Home rk.

four tables on pages 80-83 of this report may be gathered a succinct history of rogress for seventy-one years. The table on page 82 shows the yearly growth m \$18,000 in 1826, to \$538,319 in 1896-97; in expenditures, from less than \$651,500; of missionaries, from 169 to 2,026; of congregations served by to 3,091; of years of labor, from 110 to 1,477; of additions to the churches, 11,796; and of Sunday-school scholars, from 306 to 172,784. The annual pence for a year of labor, and for a missionary, is also shown. The double -81) shows the number of missionaries employed in each State entered by ts beginning, going up from 196 congregations in fifteen States, in 1826, to tions in forty-four States and Territories, in 1897. The table on page 82 al distribution, from 1826 to 1897, in the geographical sections of the country.

of cash receipts, in the seventy-one years, is \$17,373,571. In addition to this s than \$2,283,032 in clothing and other supplies for missionary families have.

The total of years of labor is 54,713. The whole number of additions to 459,015. The number of churches organized is 6,446; the number brought is 3,156. (*Congregational* churches organized, 4,742; brought to self-support,

15 give a summary of interesting results of the seventy-first year's work, and a some of them with that of the previous year.

ed account of the last year's work in each State and Territory occupied by m reports of the secretaries and superintendents of those fields, is given on

84-165 will be found an alphabetical list of the missionaries aided, with one of :ations each laborer occupied, which, in most cases, is his post-office address.

Home Missionary and Congregational Work

is published quarterly at thirty cents a year, postage paid. The subscription well be less. Unless they prefer to pay, it will be sent, without further pay- fore, to Life Members; Missionaries of the Society and its Auxiliaries; Ministers ly collection for it in their congregations; also, for a year, to every Individual Congregation, *one copy for every ten dollars* collected and paid over to the auxiliary. Congregational Work is a paper published monthly (except in July the interest of the six National Congregational Societies. Terms: one copy, y-five cents; in clubs of ten or more, ten cents a copy. Suitable names should payment. Pastors are earnestly requested to serve Home Missions by pro- of these journals at the Monthly Concert and among their people.

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Form of a Bequest

to my executors the sum of dollars, *in trust*, to pay over the months after my decease, to the person who, when the same is payable, easurer of the Congregational Home Missionary Society, formed in the City of he year eighteen hundred and twenty-six, to be applied to the charitable uses f said Society, and under its direction.

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MINUTES OF THE SEVENTY-FIRST ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATIONAL HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY

THE Congregational Home Missionary Society convened for its Seventy-first Annual Meeting in the Methodist Episcopal Church, Saratoga Springs, N. Y., at 7:30 P.M., Tuesday, June 1, 1897, with the President, OLIVER O. HOWARD, of Vermont, in the chair.

The devotional services were led by the Rev. PERLEY B. DAVIS, of Massachusetts. The President made an opening address. The Rev. FRANK T. BAYLEY, of Colorado, preached the annual sermon from John iv. 13, 14; vii. 37, 38: "Whosoever drinketh of this water shall thirst again: But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him, shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life." . . . "If any man thirst, let him come unto me and drink. He that believeth on me, as the Scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water."

After singing, the benediction was pronounced by the Rev. EDWARD HAWES, of Vermont, and at 10 the body adjourned till 9 A.M., Wednesday.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, JUNE 2.—At 9 the body spent half an hour in devotion, led by the Rev. JOEL S. IVES, of Connecticut.

At 9:30 the President took the chair. After prayer by the Rev. EZRA H. BYINGTON, of Massachusetts, and singing, the Rev. WILLIAM H. MOORE, of Connecticut, and JAMES T. BRINCKERHOFF, of New York, were appointed Assistant Recording Secretaries.

The Auxiliary Societies were represented in addresses, as follows: The Rhode Island Home Missionary Society, by the Rev. ALEXANDER McGREGOR, Secretary; the Missionary Society of Connecticut, by the Rev. WILLIAM H. MOORE, Secretary; the Iowa Home Missionary Society, by the Rev. TRUMAN O. DOUGLASS, Secretary.

The following committees were appointed:

On Local Arrangements.—Rev. WILLIAM O. WARK, GEORGE T. HARVEY, SARAH L. WOOD.

On Nominations.—Rev. EDWARD N. PACKARD, of New York; Rev. CHARLES B. RICE, of Massachusetts; Rev. SAMUEL H. HOWE, of Connecticut; DAVID N. CAMP, of Connecticut; ELEAZAR BOYNTON, of Massachusetts.

At 10:30 the time was given to the fifteenth annual meeting of the Woman's Department, Mrs. HARRIET S. CASWELL, Secretary, presiding.

The Secretary read a paper in memory of the Rev. WILLIAM KINCAID. Mrs. REUBEN D. WRIGHT, of Idaho, spoke upon "The Day of Small Things."

After singing by the Rev. and Mrs. REUBEN D. WRIGHT, of Idaho, Mr. WRIGHT described the work "On the Frontier," and Mrs. JAMES B. GREGG, of Colorado, read a paper entitled "Woman in Colorado."

President OLIVER O. HOWARD conducted a responsive exercise.

MARIE ZOLTAK, of Ohio, made an address upon the Slovak work and sang a Slovak song.

A collection, amounting to \$200, was taken for the general treasury, and prayer was offered by the Rev. HARMON BROSS, of Nebraska.

The doxology was sung; the benediction was pronounced by the Rev. Mr. WRIGHT, and at 12:30 a recess was taken till 2:30.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.—At 2:30, after singing, and prayer by the Rev. HENRY G. MILLER, of New York, coöperating societies were represented in addresses, as follows: The Congregational Church Building Society, by the Rev. LEVI H. COBB, of New York, Secretary; the Congregational Education Society, by the Rev. GEORGE A. TEWKSBURY, of Massachusetts; the Ministerial Relief Committee, by the Rev. NATHAN H. WHITTLESEY, of Connecticut, Secretary.

Brief salutations were received from Bishop Foss, of the Methodist Episcopal Church of the United States.

After singing, and prayer by the Rev. EDWARD HAWES, of Vermont, the Report of the Executive Committee was presented and accepted.

The Rev. WILLIAM E. PARK, of New York, on behalf of the Committee on the Report of the Executive Committee, presented a report which was accepted.

The Minutes of Tuesday and Wednesday morning were approved.

It was *voted* that the reading of the roll be omitted, and that the Assistant Recording Secretaries be authorized to complete it. When completed it was as follows:

ROLL

ANNUAL MEMBERS

OFFICERS

Oliver O. Howard,	Joseph William Rice,	George W. Hebard,
William Ives Washburn,	Rev. Charles H. Richards,	David A. Thompson.
Asa A. Spear,	Rev. Robert J. Kent,	
Rev. James G. Roberts,	Rev. John D. Kingsbury,	

DELEGATES FROM CHURCHES

Connecticut

Fairfield, First, Mrs. Jane A. Kippen, Mrs. Edward Osborn.
 Greenwich, Second, Thomas Ritch, Nelson B. Mead.
 Hartford, Asylum Hill, Lewis F. Reid, Rev. James H. Roberts.
 Ledyard, Mrs. Susie E. F. Brown, Mrs. Cora G. Turner.
 Norwich, Broadway, Mrs. W. R. Burnham.
 Terryville, Mrs. Walter H. Scott.
 Thompson, Miss E. E. Knight, Miss Ellen D. Larned.
 Westchester, Miss Alice C. Stone.

North Adams, D. J. Barber.
 Royalston, First, Frank W. Adams, Mrs. Fannie R. Adams.
 Shelburne Falls, Rev. W. H. Ashley.
 Somerville, Winter Hill, Miss Miriam L. Woodbury.
 Springfield, South, Edward A. Appleton.
 Westhampton, A. D. Montague.
 West Stockbridge, Rev. Walter W. Curtis.
 Worcester, Central, Mrs. E. D. McFarland.
 " Pilgrim, Mrs. (Rev.) Alex. Lewis, Mrs. Caroline H. Metcalf, Rev. Rufus M. Taft.

Idaho

Weiser, Rev. Edward A. Paddock.

Illinois

Galesburg, Central, Rev. Alvan F. Sherrill.

Iowa

Grinnell, Rev. T. O. Douglass, Iowa C. H. M. Society.

Massachusetts

Andover, Free Christian, Rev. Frederic A. Wilson.
 Billerica, Rev. D. W. Hardy.
 Boston, Boylston, G. E. S. Kinney.
 Brookline, Harvard, Rev. Reuben Thomas, V. Homer Williams.
 Brookline, Leyden, Miss Annie C. Bridgeman.
 Concord, Trinity, Mrs. Marie E. Ames.
 Fisherville, Mrs. Ellen A. Fisher.
 Gloucester, Trinitarian, Rev. Reuben Brooks.
 Grafton, Evangelical, Mrs. Albert A. Fisher, George K. Nichols.
 Housatonic, Anna R. Turner, N. B. Turner.
 Jamaica Plain, Rev. Albert E. Dunning.
 Malden, First, E. D. Stevens, Mrs. E. D. Stevens.
 Medway, Village, Rev. R. K. Harlow.
 Milford, Rev. E. S. Tingley, Rev. Webster Woodbury.
 Millbury, Henry L. Bancroft.

Michigan

Detroit, First, Rev. Nehemiah Boynton.
 Olivet, William J. Hickok.

New Hampshire

Concord, South, Miss Annie A. McFarland, Mrs. Alice M. Nims.
 Exeter, Henry Kent.

New Mexico

Albuquerque, Rev. E. H. Ashmun.

New York

Albany, Clinton Avenue, Rev. T. Newton Owen.
 Brooklyn, Lewis Avenue, Rev. W. T. Nichols.
 Brooklyn, Tompkins Avenue, J. H. K. Blauvelt.
 New York City, Camp Memorial, Rev. H. G. Miller, Mrs. H. G. Miller.
 New York City, Manhattan, Dyer B. Holmes.

Rhode Island

Pawtucket, Mrs. D. J. Littlefield.

Vermont

Bennington, Second, Miss Sophia P. Park.
 Bridport, Rev. William N. Bacon.
 Cabot, Mrs. Hiram Wells.
 Middlebury, E. J. Mathews, Mrs. E. J. Mathews.
 Newfane, Rev. Smith Norton.

WEDNESDAY EVENING.—At 7:30, after singing, and prayer by the Rev. RUSSELL T. HALL, of Connecticut, the Rev. JOSEPH B. CLARK, of New York, Secretary, read a paper entitled "A Year of Distress."

Addresses, interspersed with singing, were made by the Rev. ALVAN F. SHERRILL, of Illinois; the Rev. J. HOMER PARKER, of Oklahoma; the Rev. HENRY A. SCHAUFLER, of Ohio; and the Rev. WILLIAM G. PUDDEFOOT, of Massachusetts.

After prayer by Mr. PUDDEFOOT, singing of "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name," and the benediction by the Rev. SAMUEL H. VIRGIN, of New York, at 10 the body adjourned till 9 A.M., Thursday.

THURSDAY MORNING, JUNE 3.—At 9, President HOWARD conducted a brief devotional service.

The following committees were appointed :

On the Report of the Executive Committee for 1898.—Rev. JOHN E. TUTTLE, of Massachusetts; Rev. WILLIAM A. ROBINSON, of New York; SAMUEL HOLMES, of New Jersey; Rev. JOEL S. IVES, of Connecticut; THOMAS B. STOCKWELL, of Rhode Island.

On Nominations for 1898.—Rev. SAMUEL H. VIRGIN, of New York; LORRIN B. COOKE, of Connecticut; Rev. CHARLES B. RICE, of Massachusetts; Rev. FRANK S. FITCH, of New York; RICHARD H. STEARNS, of Massachusetts.

It was *voted* that it is the sense of this meeting that it would be wise for our six benevolent societies to hold their annual meetings in the same week of the year, and that they should be held in one place.

It was *voted* that a committee of nine (9) be appointed to consider the relations between the Auxiliaries and the National Society, to report at the next annual meeting.

It was *voted* that the Executive Committee be requested to arrange to give at least the entire Thursday morning session of the next annual meeting to the consideration of the business of the Society.

The following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, That this Society recommends the Sunday before the annual Thanksgiving Day in November as a day of special prayer for the Home Missionary cause.

At 11, the Rev. WASHINGTON CHOATE, of Connecticut, Secretary, read a paper entitled "Fixed Factors in Home Missions."

After singing, addresses were made by the Rev. HENRY H. KELSEY, of Connecticut, and the Rev. NEHEMIAH BOYNTON, of Michigan.

After the doxology, the benediction was pronounced by the Rev. NEHEMIAH BOYNTON, of Michigan; and at 12:30 a recess was taken till 2:30.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON.—At 2:30, after singing, the Rev. FRANK P. WOODBURY, of New York, Secretary, presented the salutations of the

American Missionary Association ; and the Rev. EINION C. EVANS, of Canada, brought greetings from the Canadian Congregational Missionary Society.

Addresses were made by the following representatives from the field : the Rev. ALFRED K. WRAY, of Missouri ; the Rev. HARMON BROSS, of Nebraska ; the Rev. EDWARD H. ASHMUN, of New Mexico ; the Rev. L. PAYSON BROAD, of Kansas ; the Rev. WILLIAM H. THRALL, of South Dakota ; the Rev. THOMAS W. JONES, of Pennsylvania ; the Rev. THOMAS G. GRASSIE, of Wisconsin.

After singing, prayer, and the benediction by the Rev. JOHN D. KINGSBURY, of Massachusetts, at 5 a recess was taken till 7:30.

THURSDAY EVENING.—At 7:30, after singing and the Lord's Prayer, the following resolutions were adopted :

Resolved, That the thanks of the Congregational Home Missionary Society are hereby extended to the precentor who has led in our services of song and to the organist and choir of the New England Congregational Church for valuable aid in worship ; and to the New England Church and pastor whose invitation brought us here.

Resolved, Further, that we extend our thanks to the officers of the railroads for their courtesy shown in reduced rates to those attending this meeting.

Resolved, That the thanks of the Woman's Department of the Congregational Home Missionary Society are hereby heartily rendered to Mrs. W. O. WARK and those who were associated with her for their efficient aid in connection with the Woman's Meeting.

Resolved, That our thanks are extended to the Century Company for their donation of Hymns and Tunes for use in our worship ; and may God give his blessing to all who have contributed to the success of our services.

The minutes of Wednesday afternoon and evening, and Thursday morning and afternoon, were approved, and the Recording Secretary was authorized to complete the minutes to the close of the meeting.

The following were appointed the committee on the relations between the Auxiliary Societies and the National Society, with power to fill vacancies, if necessary : Rev. REUEN THOMAS, of Massachusetts ; Rev. CHARLES B. RICE, of Massachusetts ; ASA A. SPEAR, of New York ; NATHANIEL SHIPMAN, of Connecticut ; Rev. NEHEMIAH BOYNTON, of Michigan ; Rev. FRANK S. FITCH, of New York ; Rev. JULIAN M. STURTEVANT, of Illinois ; Rev. AMORY H. BRADFORD, of New Jersey ; Rev. EDWARD HAWES, of Vermont.

The following resolutions were unanimously adopted by a rising vote:

The members of the Congregational Home Missionary Society, assembled in their annual meeting at Saratoga this third day of June, 1897, desire to put on record and to affirm to the constituency of this Society :

First, Our sympathy with the Executive Committee of this Society in their arduous and gratuitous labors in this time of stress and trial.

Second, Our appreciation of their wisdom in reducing the administrative expenses of the Society.

And, *third*, Our cordial indorsement of the Society as wholly worthy of the confidence and support of our churches.

After singing by the Rev. and Mrs. WRIGHT, of Idaho, addresses were made by the Rev. JOHN L. SCUDDER, of New Jersey; the Rev. REUEN THOMAS, of Massachusetts; the Rev. AMORY H. BRADFORD, of New Jersey.

The President made a closing address and offered prayer.

The Anniversary hymn, "O Zion! from thy sleep," was sung; the benediction was pronounced by the Rev. JOSEPH B. CLARK, of New York, and at 10:30 the meeting was dissolved.

WILLIAM H. HOLMAN,
Recording Secretary.

WILLIAM H. MOORE, }
JAMES T. BRINCKERHOFF, }
Assistant Recording Secretaries.

SEVENTY-FIRST REPORT

WITH heartfelt sorrow the Executive Committee has to record the death of one of its most intimate and highly esteemed associates in this work, Rev. WILLIAM KINCAID, D.D.

From similar service with the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, he was chosen one of the Secretaries of this Society in 1888, and filled that office with singular fidelity and success until his lamented decease on the 12th of February, 1897, in the fifty-fifth year of his age.

Notice of his death, of the funeral services, resolutions of this Committee, and tributes from some of his intimate associates and friends, appeared in the numbers of The Home Missionary for March and April last, and need not be here repeated. Suffice it to say that every day has made more evident the extent of the loss his departure has inflicted on our ranks and on the cause of Home Missions. The world has too few men combining in one person his fine characteristics, rare intellectual power and furnishing, sound judgment, executive skill, intense consecration, spiritual insight, fervid devotion, immovable faith in the gospel as the power of God unto salvation, and undying assurance of the final triumph of that gospel throughout our land and the world. His dying message to his co-workers for the religious welfare of our country is a most tender and touching utterance of a Christian in view of speedily

coming death, and very truly reveals his loving heart. The memory of our association with this man of God will ever be among the precious treasures of our lives.

Eight faithful missionaries died at their posts within the twelve months now reported, viz.: Rev. William H. Beard, at South Killingly, Conn., October 2, 1896. He was ordained in 1867, and was permitted to see thirty years of service.

Rev. George C. Hall, at Nebraska City, March 25, 1896, of whose decease notice was taken in last year's report, pages 16 and 35.

Rev. Anders G. Petterson, Swede, Upsala, Minn., December 4, 1896. A tribute to his memory may be found in The Home Missionary for March, 1897, page 551.

Rev. William C. D. Christian, of Clara Center, Ga. Ordained in 1883.

Rev. J. J. Findlay, Vernondale, Southern California, October 25, 1896. Ordained in 1893.

Rev. William A. McGinley, Chula Vista, Cal., May 25, 1896. Some account of his life and work appeared in The Home Missionary for December, 1896, page 407.

Rev. G. W. Churchill, Perkins, Oklahoma, April 28, 1896.

Rev. John W. Harding, at Ormond, Fla., April 17, 1896. Ordained in Longmeadow, Mass., January 1, 1850, and pastor there for more than forty years. Notice of his service may be found in The Home Missionary for November, 1896, page 361, and February, 1897, page 506.

"So grows in heaven our store."

SUMMARY OF RESULTS

THE number of missionary laborers in the service of the Society the last year, ending March 31, 1897, whose names are found in the Table near the close of this Report, together with those engaged in superintending the work, is 2,053. (Deducting 27 reported in more than one State, 2,026.) Of these, 1,615 were in commission at the date of the last Report, and 411 have since been appointed.

They have been employed in 44 States and Territories, as follows: In Maine, 112; New Hampshire, 59; Vermont, 65; Massachusetts, 136; Rhode Island, 14; Connecticut, 68; New York, 87; New Jersey, 10; Pennsylvania, 37; North Carolina, 1; Maryland, 5; West Virginia, 1; Louisiana, 8; Georgia, 23; Alabama, 41; Arkansas, 8; Florida, 35; Texas, 7; Indian Territory, 9; Oklahoma, 46; Tennessee, 4; Ohio, 48; Indiana, 33; Illinois, 138; Missouri, 51; Michigan, 76; Wisconsin, 87; Iowa, 90; Minnesota, 108; Kansas, 69; Nebraska, 103; North Dakota,

45 ; South Dakota, 99 ; Colorado, 49 ; Wyoming, 18 ; Montana, 9 ; New Mexico, 8 ; Utah, 10 ; Nevada, 1 ; Idaho, 8 ; Arizona, 2 ; California, 106 ; Oregon, 32 ; Washington, 87 ; in all, 2,053. Of these, 27 having labored in more than one State, are in this enumeration twice counted. The total number of individuals employed is 2,026.

This distribution, retaining the twice counted, gives to the New England States, 454 ; Middle States, 139 ; Southern States, 113 ; Southwestern States, 121 ; on the Pacific Coast, 225 ; Western States and Territories, 1,001.

Of the whole number in commission, 1,270 have been pastors or stated supplies of single congregations ; 662 have ministered to two or three congregations each ; and 94 have extended their labors over still wider fields.

The aggregate of missionary labor performed is 1,477 years.

The number of congregations and missionary districts which have been fully supplied, or where the gospel has been preached at stated intervals, is 3,091.

The number of those who have preached in foreign languages is 214 : 47 to German congregations, 107 to Scandinavian congregations, 22 to Bohemian congregations, 4 to Polish congregations, 13 to French congregations, 1 to Mexican congregations, 4 to Italian congregations, 2 to Spanish congregations, 4 to congregations of Finns, 1 to congregations of Danes, 4 to congregations of Armenians, 1 to a congregation of Greeks, and 4 to congregations of Welsh.

The number of Sunday-school and Bible-class scholars is not far from 172,784. The organization of 238 new schools is reported, and the number under the special care of missionaries is 2,638.

One hundred and twenty-two missionaries make mention of revivals of religion during the year, some of them reporting 291, 280, 85, 83, 75, 74, 70, 66, 65, 63, 58 hopeful conversions. In 280 instances the number of reported converts exceeds 10, and the number reported by 777 missionaries is 9,810.

The additions to the churches, as nearly as can be ascertained, have been 11,796 ; viz., 7,942 on confession of faith, and 3,854 by letters from other churches.

One hundred and seven churches have been organized in connection with the labors of the missionaries within the year, and 38 have assumed the entire support of their own gospel ordinances.

Eighty-eight houses of worship have been completed, and 182 materially repaired or improved. Four chapels are reported as having been built within the year, and 62 parsonages have been provided. One hundred and fifteen men in connection with the missionary churches are reported as in different stages of preparation for the gospel ministry.

THE TREASURY

THE Society began the year with a net debt of \$51,700.41. The receipts of the National Society during the year, from contributions, legacies, and other sources, were \$358,103.18, and the Auxiliaries raised and expended on their own fields \$230,215.34, making the total income for the year (including \$8,523.38 cash in hand for drafts payable on the first of the year) \$600,307.73, and \$3,465.83 for interest on loans of 1895-96.

The expenditures of the National Society for missionary labor and expenses during the year have been \$421,275.77, and the Auxiliaries have expended \$230,215.34 on their various fields.

The net debt of the Society at the close of the fiscal year, March 31, 1897, is \$127,504.91.

COMPARATIVE RESULTS

THE number of commissions is less by 12 than that of the seventieth year; the years of labor were 32 less; the number who have preached in foreign languages, 214, has been increased by 6; 1,019 fewer preaching stations have been stately supplied. The additions to the aided churches were, by letter, 131 less, and on confession 211 less, than last year. The number of Sunday-schools under missionary care has been increased by 155, with 13,559 fewer scholars reported.

OUR WOMAN'S DEPARTMENT

FOR now fifteen years this department has been demonstrating the wisdom of its organization. It has covered the land with its branches, keeping the women, both in the self-supporting and the aided States, well informed as to the condition and needs of the whole field; uniting them in prayer and personal effort for the supply of those needs, and keeping alive in them the missionary spirit. As heretofore, the Secretary of this department has spent most of her time on the field, making and renewing her acquaintance with the women of the churches whom her visits have roused to ever increasing activity. Much time has also been given to the missionaries and their families, so acquiring intimate personal knowledge of their domestic life, as well as of their methods of evangelization, their opportunities, hindrances, and successes. Thus has she been enabled from actual knowledge to address large gatherings at the annual associations in the West and Southwest, comforting, cheering, and inspiring the workers, sometimes almost ready to sink under the heavy burdens

oppressing them in these trying times, and from this immediate contact to come back to the older and stranger churches with vivid pictures of home missionary life, the appeals of which no true Christian woman's heart can resist.

The result is seen in the fact that, in this fourth year of business depression, and in many churches of actual distress, the offerings of the Woman's Unions to the five national home societies of our order have been \$100,767.94; only \$3,740 less than those of the previous year, and \$45,550.52 of this have come into this Society's treasury. In ten years these woman's organizations have raised for the home work \$878,628.43, of which amount \$448,112.66 have been paid into this Society's treasury. For this all thanks unto our Heavenly Father.

Persons desiring more particular account of the year's work of this department may receive its Secretary's annual report by addressing Mrs. H. S. Caswell, Bible House, New York City. A brief statement as to the "box supplies" for the year may be found on a following page.

OUR SUNDAY-SCHOOLS

THE quarterly and annual reports of missionaries in all parts of the land still glow with statements of their active interest in this precious branch of their work. The statistics of the year prove that their zeal in this line of effort is as fervent as ever, and demonstrate the wisdom of forming and carrying on the schools with an eye rather to permanence than to reporting imposing numbers of gatherings with only a name to live. Of new schools the missionaries report 238 as having been planted within the year; now under home missionary oversight, 2,638; number of scholars in the schools and Bible classes, 172,784.

For indispensable aid in providing libraries and other helps the Society and its workers in the field render hearty thanks to their cordial ally, the Congregational Sunday-school and Publishing Society. May its funds increase and its liberality continue.

It will be a sad omen for the future of our churches when, if ever, their zeal for the religious instruction of the children and youth of our land shall wax cold, and their pastors and members shall cease to echo our Saviour's word: "Suffer the little children, and forbid them not, to come unto me."

OUR PUBLICATIONS

THE sixty-ninth volume of The Home Missionary closed with the number for April, 1897. The pressing demand upon the treasury for work in the field that could not be lessened without serious loss compelled

reduction of expenses in every direction, and the magazine, with its precious record of the work from the beginning, suffered with the rest. Its average monthly issue was cut down to 24,879, and it has since been further reduced to about 20,000 copies.

It has been decided to issue The Home Missionary hereafter quarterly, instead of monthly, its size being enlarged to eighty pages, and the subscription price reduced from sixty cents to thirty. The July number will be largely occupied with the report of the annual meeting and a rapid review of the year's work.

"Congregational Work," the new monthly publication of the six Congregational Societies, begun in January last, has in five months reached a subscription list of 101,800 copies, and the number is growing daily. It is published ten months in the year—July and August being omitted—at ten cents for the ten numbers. Such intelligence concerning the great national work as can be compressed into this Society's three pages will be given monthly, and its perusal in so large a percentage of our Congregational households must surely react helpfully upon the receipts. Friends of Home Missions are kindly urged to commend the paper to general attention.

The issuing of Home Missionary Leaflets, intermitted because of the expense, will be resumed as soon as the state of the treasury shall permit.

OUR FAMILY SUPPLIES

THE inflow of these still keeps up to the high level of recent years, and the interest of the ladies' local societies shows no sign of abatement. The number of trunks, barrels, and other packages of which notice has come to the office is 854; varying, curiously, but by a single one from those of last year. The givers of 798 of these valued them at \$60,006.61. Setting an average value on the remainder, the aggregate of this form of help is \$64,220.80.

Of the applications heard from, 591 were responded to directly through the Woman's Department. Besides the usual supplies of clothing, books, household goods, papers and magazines for missionary reading-rooms, Christmas boxes to more than 200 families, etc., there have been sent to meet special wants, a church bell, an organ, sewing machine, watch, two horses, articles for fairs, communion sets, collection plates, hymn books, pulpit Bibles, and many others.

As usual, the statement falls far short of being complete. Many more offerings are known to have been sent of which it is preferred by the donors that mention shall not be made in print, and still others have doubtless gone with the knowledge only of the givers and the grateful receivers.

The amount of help in this line known and acknowledged since these public statements of them began has now reached the munificent sum of \$2,283,032, for which devout thanks to the Giver of all good, and to the great company of godly women who have chosen this delightful method of keeping bright the link between the older churches and their spiritual children at the front. May their tribe increase and Heaven's best recompense be theirs!

AUXILIARIES AND MISSIONARY FIELDS

MAINE MISSIONARY SOCIETY

GALEN C. MOSES, ESQ., PRESIDENT; REV. DAVID P. HATCH, SECRETARY, BANGOR; JOHN L. CROSBY, ESQ., TREASURER, BANGOR. OFFICE IN BANGOR

The receipts of this Auxiliary, within the year ending March 1, were:	
From churches and individuals.....	\$7,239 21
From legacies.....	4,336 94
Income from invested funds.....	1,727 94
	<u>\$13,304 09</u>
The National Society received from churches, individuals, and legacies, in Maine, for the national work, within the year ending March 31.....	4,304 06
Total amount raised in the State, in cash, for Home Missions.....	\$17,608 15
The Auxiliary expended in its own field, for missionary labor and expenses, within the year ending March 1.....	\$16,068 70

Says Secretary Hatch: The Maine Missionary Society has employed, during the year ending March 1, 1897, 116 missionaries in 120 churches and fields. Of this number one is general missionary for Eastern Maine, and three are women employed as district workers in destitute fields for such periods as the demands warrant. Sixty-nine ordained men have been in our force, and forty-four licentiates have been engaged mostly for the summer in fields and churches not supplied through the entire year. Two church organizations have been effected since our last report, one being a Scandinavian church in Portland, the outgrowth of a mission sustained for several years, though but recently assumed by the Missionary Society, and its only distinctively foreign work. Three houses of worship have been built during the year, though only two of them are sufficiently completed for occupancy.

While the finances of the Society have not materially improved since our last report, and though the immediate outlook is far from bright, we feel encouraged by a marked revival of interest in our State work. The secretary has personally visited many fields during the year, and has uni-

formly met a very cordial reception, and a desire of the churches to know definitely about the work of the entire State. Seldom have there been so few vacant churches as at present, and consequently a better spiritual condition in many churches is apparent than sometimes exists. The reported conversions given in our last Annual Report, in September, were 350, which, considering the size of the average missionary church, and the fact that many are supplied only in summer, compares well with returns from our self-supporting churches. We are aware that figures in this direction may tell but little of the actual results, yet they are significant.

A few churches have been dropped from the aided list by the action of the trustees, and a number have of their own accord come to self-support. Several new fields have been successfully developed, two or three of which offer interesting facts for the student of "the problem of the country church." Aroostook County, claiming to be next to the largest in the United States, has for years been one of our most important missionary fields. For the first time in its history, two churches have assumed self-support, and that in spite of the greatest financial embarrassment ever known there. A number of old churches, long on the list of "summer fields," have been encouraged to settle pastors, and with excellent results. The policy of the Society is to supplant as rapidly as possible the long-continued student work of the summer with permanent service, either by yoking neighboring churches, or by more fully developing the fields themselves.

The work of the general missionary force has been unusually successful the past year. The women employed in this department have accomplished much, and we would increase their number at once threefold, were it possible. Several spiritually barren districts have been wonderfully revived by these ladies, and one or two churches will be the immediate outgrowth, while one new missionary pastor has been placed where their work alone had immediately prepared the way. This general missionary work is sustained almost entirely by the Woman's Maine Missionary Auxiliary, our Society's very efficient ally.

After a year and a half of service in this office, the Secretary is convinced that the importance of maintaining the New England rural church in hundreds of localities cannot be overestimated. Our country churches demand our best men spiritually, intellectually, and physically. There is no call, at least in Maine, for the "short cut" to the ministry, either by the special school, or through any denomination where the educational standards are below those of historic Congregationalism. The material to be evangelized and Christianized in our New England rural districts is too valuable to be wrought upon by the novice or the apprentice. The wisest methods and the strongest men in our churches are none too good to develop the resources already to be found in the country hill-town and

the backwoods. The "bone and sinew" of church and state have been found there all through our history, and just as good material exists there to-day as ever, if it can be brought out rightly. Our Home Missionary Societies are the safest, cheapest, and best equipped institutions for the accomplishment of this work. If they can be sustained for the fullest measure of work, there will be no question as to the value of the results.

The Maine Missionary Society has a wonderful opportunity before it. Only its continuance can realize this to the full extent and make possible its best work.

NEW HAMPSHIRE HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY

HON. GEORGE A. RAMSDELL, PRESIDENT; REV. ALFRED T. HILLMAN, SECRETARY,
HON. LYMAN D. STEVENS, TREASURER. OFFICE IN CONCORD

The receipts of this Auxiliary, within the year ending March 1, were:

From churches and individuals.....	\$4,574 78
From legacies	5,223 82
Income from invested funds	5,052 30
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	\$14,850 90

The National Society received from churches, individuals, and legacies in New Hampshire, for the national work, within the year ending March 31..... 5,817 84

Total amount raised in the State, in cash, for Home Missions..... \$20,668 74

The Auxiliary paid into the treasury of the National Society, in cash, for the national work, from surplus and by request of donors, within the year ending March 31..... \$757 23

The Auxiliary expended in its own field, for missionary labor and expenses, within the year ending March 1..... \$12,497 34

Says Secretary Hillman: Fifty-seven missionaries have been employed in the care of sixty-four churches and stations. Expended on the field, including expense of administration, \$12,497.34, or \$1,000 less than the apportionment to New Hampshire by the missionary convention held in New York. Two churches have assumed self-support and four missionaries have been ordained. The spiritual results equal the average for five years past, the fruits of faithful service. The financial depression is now felt more severely on our fields than in the years just preceding, but the conditions arising from it are being met with commendable courage, and in only a few instances has it been found necessary to reduce the salary limit. The legacies of the year have been maintained at high-water mark, and with a considerable increase in the contributions from the churches for the national work. The report at the close of our fiscal year showed the largest amount raised for Home Missions of any year in the history of our Society. During the three hard years the receipts for Home Missions

from all sources in the State were \$16,000 in excess of the receipts during the three years preceding, the entire gain being to the advantage of the National Society. For this we are grateful to God. The receipts available for work in the State were \$38,320 as compared with \$38,381 in the three years preceding, a difference of only \$61 in a total of over \$76,000. The cost of administration, estimated on the whole amount raised in the year 1896, was eight per cent. as compared with twelve per cent. in 1886. Under the new compact, more and better work is being done, and the results noted above are in part due to its practical workings.

VERMONT DOMESTIC MISSIONARY SOCIETY

HON. HENRY FAIRBANKS, PH.D., PRESIDENT; REV. CHARLES H. MERRILL, SECRETARY; WM. C. TYLER, ESQ., TREASURER. OFFICE IN ST. JOHNSBURY

The receipts of this Auxiliary, within the year ending March 1, were :

From churches and individuals.....	\$6,791 93
From legacies.....	2,697 56
Income from invested funds.....	899 09
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	\$10,388 58

The National Society received from churches, individuals, and legacies in Vermont, for the national work, within the year ending March 31..... 4,986 75

Total amount raised in the State, in cash, for Home Missions..... \$15,375 33

The Auxiliary paid into the treasury of the National Society, from surplus and by request of donors, in cash, for the national work, within the year ending March 31..... \$304 95

The Auxiliary expended in its own field, for missionary labor and expenses, within the year ending March 1..... \$11,459 65

Secretary Merrill reports : Three new churches enrolled, two of them a result of the work of our young women in old fields, where "union" houses of worship had been abandoned and left to decay, but have now been repaired and rededicated, and regularly gather good congregations where for years were no regular religious services. In two other fields similar work is in progress. The patient, personal, house-to-house work which characterizes the methods of these laborers seems specially adapted to reclaim communities like these, and we are beginning to demonstrate the fruitfulness of such fields.

Three young men have been ordained and installed ; one was ordained without installation. Last summer every church and mission field in the State was supplied, a fact almost unprecedented. As contributing to this, it may be noted that some good men who went from us to the West "to grow up with the country" have returned to a State where promise and fulfillment are not so widely divorced. Men from the seminaries have

also been offering themselves in larger numbers. And yet there are fields where, for permanent work, men with limited training only can be secured.

Our State has barely held its own in population, according to the last census, increasing only by the fraction of one per cent. But the Congregational churches during the last ten years have increased nearly ten per cent., showing a net gain of 1,788. To this net gain the mission churches, numbering each year about one-fourth of the whole, contributed more than one-half, or 1,039.

The number of Congregational churches in the State was never so large in our history as to-day. Until of late we have been obliged to go back to the early part of the fourth decade in this century, before the Western emigration began, for the most prosperous era of our churches. We have now recovered our losses and surpassed the numbers of those days. Certain forms of error that at times spread over the State have been waning. Rivalry among the evangelical bodies is not so bitter, while still there is room for the cultivation of the spirit of comity. A spirit of hopefulness and courage is manifest in our churches, and if the financial outlook does not call for too severe retrenchment the future seems full of promise of still greater progress.

MASSACHUSETTS HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY

FRANKLIN CARTER, LL.D., PRESIDENT; REV. JOSHUA COIT, SECRETARY; REV. E. B. PALMER, TREASURER. OFFICE IN BOSTON

The receipts of this Auxiliary for Home Missions, within the year ending

March 1, were.....	\$74,411 58
The National Society received from churches, individuals, and legacies, in	
Massachusetts, for the national work, within the year ending March 31.	65,098 08

Total amount raised in the State, in cash, for Home Missions....	\$139,509 66
The Auxiliary paid into the treasury of the National Society, from surplus	
and by request of donors, in cash, for the national work, within the	
year ending March 31.....	\$31,317 55
The Auxiliary expended in its own field, for missionary labor and expenses,	
within the year ending March 1.....	\$64,767 17

Says Secretary Coit: Our foreign work continues to be of the very first importance, and it must be confessed it occasions us no little anxiety because of the approaching end of that part of our great Swett legacy which was devoted to this work. Already "the foreign fund for Western work" through the National Society is gone, and that for our own State will last but a year longer. Yet a careful consideration of the condition of Massachusetts to-day points to the decision that the little we have been doing must not be diminished. When we learn, for instance, that of the

school population of the city of Holyoke, in the year 1895, only ten and sixteen hundredths per cent. were American, while thirty-seven and nine tenths per cent. were Irish, and thirty-two per cent. were French Canadians, nine per cent. German, five per cent. Scotch, and four per cent. English, and the rest were German Jews, Russian Jews, Danes, Poles, French, Swedes, Alsatians, Belgians, Austrians, negroes, Spaniards, Hollanders, Welsh, Armenians, and Greeks, we think that our French Protestant church in Holyoke must be maintained. So in other of our manufacturing cities. Lawrence has more Roman Catholics than Protestants, as shown by a careful religious census. In fact, so far as can be ascertained, the Protestants of every name and shade in the whole State outnumber very little, if at all, the Roman Catholics.

We have missionaries to-day among the Armenians, Finns, French Canadians, Germans, Greeks, Italians, Norwegians, and Swedes, eight foreign peoples, and there are other nationalities for whom we are asked to provide the preaching of the gospel.

We have, as last year, eight churches and two missions among the French Canadians. The mission at Salem has been given up, and our missionary there has been transferred to Newburyport in response to an earnest call from some forty French people who desire to have the pure gospel preached among their countrymen in their own language. There have been no special incidents that demand notice. The work has gone on much as usual in the different parishes. The French College at Springfield is making more and more plain its usefulness and its right to be. The grade of its students is constantly improving and its power more widely felt. Its chief drawback is lack of funds. Of the general shrinkage that all benevolent societies have experienced, it has had more than its proper share. And were it not for the patience and self-denial of its faculty it is hard to see how it could continue to keep its doors open. The newspaper, *La France Américaine*, continues to be a strong evangelistic agency that penetrates many Roman Catholic homes.

We are helping now eleven Swedish churches and have one Swedish colporteur who does a very serviceable work among the Scandinavians who arrive in the port of Boston. The Swedish church at Quincy has ceased to ask for aid and is growing stronger continually. We have five Norwegian churches. There has been no change that calls for comment in our work among the Germans, Italians, Greeks, Finns, or Armenians. The missionaries to these people have been faithful, and good is accomplished of which we can make no special mention.

Notwithstanding the approaching end of our Swett foreign fund we feel impelled, yes, compelled, to do as much as we have done for the evangelization of those whom God in his providence brings in such large numbers to us.

As to the work in the country churches, in the rural parts of our State, there is to be said, as always, that this is a matter of the first importance and cannot be neglected. The results that can be checked off and counted are this year quite as large as usual. But the great need of maintaining the preaching of the Word and the purifying power of the institution of the gospel is to establish and continue in increasing force if possible the unseen, unaccountable, and often unacknowledged, yet tremendously potent, influences of Christianity. Christian influences undoubtedly penetrate all our towns, yet where there is no center and rallying place in a town or neighborhood these influences are easily overborne by the temptations of the world, the flesh, and the devil. So a church in a town that actually has had no additions by confession for years may not have been altogether useless, though it has fallen far short of the things that it could, and therefore ought, to have attained.

We have had during the year one bright instance of the power of truth. The hamlet of Moore's Corner, in Leverett, has had for years an unenviable reputation for outbreaking wickedness. Yet this last summer a church was organized there of twenty-seven members, twenty-six of them on confession of faith. This, while apparently the result of faithful preaching of the Word for some six months previous, can yet be plainly traced to influences that had been at work for years without any apparent effect. There had been distribution of good literature, and from time to time Sunday-schools and temperance meetings carried on in a hopeless field. But at last the reapers came, and the harvest was gathered.

Our evangelistic work done through certain churches in Boston is nearing its end, but we hope it may be maintained in some other way than through our grants. It is no longer in our power to make such large grants as in the past, and soon the fund set apart for this work from the Swett legacy will be exhausted. And for this we shall not feel at liberty to take from the gifts of the churches. It has been done heretofore from the gifts of a Boston man, and largely, though not exclusively, done in Boston. To make such large grants as this work has necessarily called for from the ordinary receipts of the Society would plainly be unwise. It would be very different from carrying on the work among foreigners which may possibly have to be done.

The hope expressed in our report last year that the National Society would be able in this year now passed to make the advance so long needed has not been fulfilled. On the other hand, we must confess to have fallen far short of our usual overflow to the National Treasury. But we are sure that there has been no diminution of interest in the great work of the Congregational Home Missionary Society in those faithful hearts of praying men and women, which are, after all, the real human

strength of any of the enterprises that the church is carrying on through the various organizations. The present dearth which all benevolent societies are suffering under is grievous to be borne, but it cannot last much longer. There will be, there must be, a return to better things. This we expect, and for this we pray.

RHODE ISLAND HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY

HON. J. W. DANIELSON, PRESIDENT; REV. ALEXANDER MCGREGOR, SECRETARY,
PAWTUCKET; JOSEPH WILLIAM RICE, TREASURER. OFFICE IN PROVIDENCE

The receipts of this Auxiliary, within the year ending December 31, were :

From churches and individuals.....	\$5,630 87
Income from invested funds.....	138 88
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	\$5,769 75

The National Society received from churches, individuals, and legacies, in Rhode Island, for the national work, within the year ending March 31. 5,174 27

Total amount raised in the State, in cash, for Home Missions \$10,944 02
The Auxiliary paid into the treasury of the National Society from surplus and by request of donors, in cash, within the year ending March 31, 1896... \$1,539 56
The Auxiliary expended in its own field, for missionary labor and expenses, within the year ending December 31..... \$4,095 72

Says Secretary McGregor : We are glad to report a year of comfortable and successful work in our twelve home missionary fields. In the course of the year, in one or two of them a change of pastors took place, but with no apparent untoward results. Now every station is supplied with preaching services, and we are looking for even better returns. On the one hand, it is gratifying to note a growing disposition on the part of some of the churches to lean less heavily upon our Society for financial aid, even in the face of our prolonged business depression ; and on the other hand, to realize that our large and wealthier churches are increasingly in evidence in their practical interest in our work and in the welfare of our treasury, as well as in the furtherance of foreign missionary interests at our doors, in labors of love among the Chinese, Portuguese, Armenians, and other strangers within our gates.

Nor can I consistently fail to remark that the State work and the National work are debtors to self-denying, unwearying, and sympathetic services of the Executive Committee of our Auxiliary, which meets monthly to plan, pray, and act for the prosperity of both organizations. These, not unfrequently, resolve themselves into deputations of twos and visit the missionaries at their posts to "look how the brethren fare," whom when they see, the missionaries thank God and take courage.

MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF CONNECTICUT

REV. WILLIAM H. MOORE, SECRETARY; WARD W. JACOBS, ESQ., TREASURER.
OFFICE IN HARTFORD

The receipts of this Auxiliary, within the year ending March 1, were:

From churches and individuals.....	\$13,738 21
From legacies.....	221 00
Income from invested funds.....	160 00
	<u>\$14,119 21</u>

The National Society received from churches, individuals, and legacies in Connecticut, for the national work, within the year ending March 31 42,658 10

Total amount raised in the State, in cash, for Home Missions \$56,777 31
The Auxiliary paid into the treasury of the National Society, from surplus and by request of donors, in cash, for the national work, within the year ending March 31 \$2,296 15
The Auxiliary expended in its own field, for missionary labor and expenses, within the year ending March 1 \$14,511 05

Secretary Moore writes: The Congregational Home Missionary Society received directly from Connecticut, in 1896, legacies, \$29,084.83; contributions, \$32,354.36, or \$6,589.75 less than in 1895.

Of our 319 churches in 1896, 217 made offerings to this Society; 202 to the Congregational Home Missionary Society; 140 to both, and thirty-five to neither. The contributions of the living, to carry on the regular operations of the two societies, were \$46,158.30, or an average of seventy-three cents for each member.

Of the fifty churches to which grants were made in 1896, twenty-four had parsonages and thirty-one had funds, including parsonages, to an aggregate of \$78,375.

One church was served by a layman, one by a licentiate, six by ordained preachers not pastors, thirty-five by pastors, and seven by installed pastors. In three cases one man served two churches. The average salary proposed to be paid by these churches, including, as parts of it, rents of the parsonages and aid asked of us, was \$647. Forty-eight churches reported salaries promptly paid.

THE FOREIGN POPULATION

This work has been carried on during the past year among the Danes, the Germans, the French, the Italians, and the Swedes. We had eleven general missionaries who served in all seven years and one-third, made 908 visits in families, and attended 402 meetings, with an average present of twenty-three. Fifteen foreign churches were aided: one Danish, one German, and thirteen Swedish. These churches began the year with 662 members, and at the end had 711. They report 552 families, 691 in the Sunday-schools, and eight societies of Christian Endeavor enrolling 156 members.

NEW YORK HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY

REV. WILLIAM A. ROBINSON, D.D., PRESIDENT ; REV. ETHAN CURTIS, SYRACUSE,
SECRETARY ; WILLIAM SPALDING, ESQ., TREASURER

The cash receipts within the year have been \$32,881.55, including \$25,143.64 in legacies. Eighty-seven missionaries have been employed during the whole or a part of the year in connection with ninety-one churches and stations.

Superintendent Curtis writes : The year has been a good one in the New York field, both as to confirming the work and making progress. As to the first of these features, special pains has been taken by the Missionary Society to strengthen weak churches almost ready to come on the Society for aid, and to make advance in fields already on our list. The faithful labors of pastors have been reënforced by the special efforts of our general missionaries, and by visitations of the secretary. A number of fields have been spiritually quickened, and some have added a goodly number to their membership. It has been an unusual year for church building, five fields having built new churches and two almost rebuilt old ones. The new buildings are at Corning, Lakewood, De Ruyter, Lincklaen, and North Pitcher. Those repaired are at Friendship and Munnsville. While the last two are not on our list, they have been in such close touch with our Society, and received so much encouragement and advice in the work done, that we count them as our own. This has been a characteristic of the year; we have come to see that there were a number of fields that were so nearly home missionary that they must have the indirect help of our Society if they were not to come to us directly for funds ; and a part of the work of the year has been in this direction.

An unusual feature of the twelve months has been the number of churches organized, and the fact they are all country enterprises. Each case has been carefully scrutinized, and seemed to have special reasons why it should be encouraged to have a church organization. These are De Ruyter, East McDonough, Groton City, Denmark, and Lake View. One church, Bridgewater, has assumed self-support.

Early in the year our general missionary, Rev. Frank Nilson, accepted a position with the Swedish Mission Conference of the Midland District, and so we have not had his valuable services during the most of the year. But with the first of December, Rev. H. E. Gurney was employed as general missionary, and has labored faithfully and successfully, devoting all his time thus far to the Western New York Association, the fields of his labor being Millville, Olean, Grand Island, and the four churches in Buffalo. He reports 101 sermons preached ; miles traveled, 569 ; calls made, sixty-nine ; persons led to confess Christ, ninety-eight. Rev. Lemuel Jones has been in the employ of the Society during another year ;

he reports thirty visits to churches, twenty-four of them to home missionary fields—ten of these fields without pastors ; and the fields visited belong to six different Associations. Special labor was put forth at Millville, Lakewood, Fairview, Siloam, Cambria Center, Schroon Lake, Lincklaen, Summer Hill. As the result of his labors at Schroon Lake twenty-one new members were added, at Summer Hill sixteen, at Fairview seventeen professed conversion, and Cambria Center has received seven. He also aided in the organization of the Lincklaen church with twenty-six members.

The dissemination of home missionary literature, and the appointing of a special Sunday for collections for the Society, have been greatly helped by the efforts of Field Secretary Shelton.

NEW YORK CITY, BROOKLYN, AND VICINITY

REV. WM. T. STOKES, BROOKLYN, SUPERINTENDENT

The work in the Metropolitan district, which comprises the six counties of Westchester, New York, Kings, Queens, Suffolk, and Richmond calls for notice in four respects :

I. CHURCHES ORGANIZED.—These are three : first, the Pennsylvania Avenue Church, Brooklyn, which has been received by council into the fellowship of the churches during the year ; second, the church of Mount Vernon Heights, in Mount Vernon City, which has also been recognized by council ; and, third, the Briar Cliff Church, in Westchester County, duly organized, but has not yet called a council for recognition. The beautiful stone edifice in which this congregation is housed, and the ground upon which it stands, are the gift of a Christian gentleman of another denomination. This is the tenth Congregational church north of the Harlem River and south of Westchester and Putnam County line.

II. NEW MOVEMENTS.—An interesting work is developing on Staten Island (Richmond County), where a Congregational student is holding services, and there is a prospect of erecting a church.

Special attention is being given to a section in the neighborhood of East 135th Street, New York City, also known as the Port Morris movement. In one-half of the ward in which this work is situated is a population of 60,000, which is rapidly increasing. Upon a liberal estimate, barely 10,000—one-sixth—of these people are adherents of the Protestant church. The large majority of them belong to no church whatever. The Church Extension Society will erect this year the basement portion of the proposed church building. This will be the eleventh church north of the Harlem River and south of the Westchester and Putnam County line.

III. AIDED CHURCHES.—Thirteen churches are receiving financial aid

from this Society in the current fiscal year. Last year the number was seventeen. The Briar Cliff church and the movement on Staten Island are not among the number. The former, however, has been organized and fostered under the auspices of this Society. To these younger and smaller churches must be awarded the palm, this year as in previous years, of the largest percentage of growth in membership.

IV. A COMPARISON.—The following comparison is interesting and suggestive :

In the ten years from 1860 to 1869 inclusive, that is, in the decade of the sixties, six Congregational churches were established in the area which is now known as the metropolitan district, and which now survive. In the decade of the seventies, six were also constituted. In the decade of the eighties nine were founded. In the seven and one-half years which have elapsed in the present decade sixteen churches have been organized ; that is to say, the number of churches planted in the past seven years and a half is larger than the number which the previous twenty years can show. After allowing for the growth of population and the possibility that these young churches may not in every instance live to a good old age, this difference is noteworthy. The explanation is to be found in the fact that this Society has localized and focalized her work here in the past seven years, and proved herself to be, yet more fully, "the mother of churches."

OHIO HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY

REV. HENRY M. LADD, D.D., PRESIDENT ; REV. JOHN G. FRASER, D.D., CLEVELAND, SECRETARY ; WILLIAM B. HOWLAND, NEW YORK CITY, TREASURER.

For the first time the depressing and humiliating words have to be written : AN OHIO DEBT. Far too often in years past the face of the returns has shown a balance against Ohio, but by the kindly guarantee of the National Society, covering the margin between contributions designated for Bohemian and actual expenditures in the general work, Ohio has been able, though in a somewhat shamefaced way, to hold up her head. But this year, though the guarantee was continued, it was not enough to meet the deficit. Ohio expended \$3,878.67 more than she received. The Bohemian margin amounted to \$3,067.63, leaving a balance of \$811.04 against the State.

Forty-three names appear in the missionary list, of whom eight are workers in the Cleveland Bohemian Mission. Twenty-three of the number have been in the service the full year ; two more, eleven months ; the forty-three have rendered an aggregate of thirty-two and a half years of service, and have regularly preached the gospel in fifty-two different places, and in the English, Welsh, Swedish, Bohemian, and Finnish languages. Thirty-eight churches report 2,836 members, in numbers ranging from 241 to eleven, with fourteen under fifty, and nine over 100.

Twenty-five churches report 317 conversions ; twenty-seven churches report 254 accessions on confession of faith, seventy-five of the entire number being in the little church at Somerdale, whose membership has increased from less than twenty-five to more than 100. Forty-two Sunday-schools have 4,661 members, of which 1,200 are in the four Sunday-schools of the Bohemian Mission in Cleveland. Thirty-two aided churches gave \$424.63 to Home Missions, a gain of \$100. A like gain in the self-supporting churches would have given a far rosier hue to the year just closed.

THE BOHEMIAN WORK

Dr. Schauffler says : There have been difficulties and discouragements, but there have also been causes for sincere joy and thanksgiving. The faithful work of your missionaries and of devoted church members and Sunday-school teachers, trying to stem the mighty tide of worldliness and indifference which surrounds them and those for whom they labor and pray, has not been in vain. The best proof of this is seen in the genuine spiritual growth of some of our church members and Sunday-school scholars, and especially in the character and results of the special meetings toward which our efforts have been tending, and for which we have been praying for a good while past, and which we believe have given an impulse to the church and to the whole work, whose effects will be more manifest in the year before us than they can be now.

ILLINOIS HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY

REV. EDWARD P. GOODWIN, D.D., PRESIDENT ; REV. JAMES TOMPKINS, D.D., SECRETARY ; AARON B. MEAD, ESQ., TREASURER. OFFICE IN CHICAGO

The receipts of this Auxiliary for Home Missions, within the year ending	
March 1, were	\$51,074 67
The National Society received from churches, individuals, and legacies, for	
the national work, within the year ending March 31.....	5,346 77
Total amount raised in the State, in cash, for Home Missions	\$56,421 44
The Auxiliary paid into the treasury of the National Society, from surplus and	
by request of donors, in cash, for the national work, within the year end-	
ing March 31.....	\$475 00
The Auxiliary expended in its own field, for missionary labor and expenses,	
within the year ending March 1.....	\$55,799 26

Says Secretary Tompkins : The missionary force employed has been as follows : one State superintendent, two city missionary superintendents, three evangelists, four general missionaries, 117 pastors, four gospel singers and Bible readers, and twenty-one unclassified, who have performed temporary service without commission, and in some cases without compensation, making a total of 152.

Churches aided in support of pastors, 118, besides which thirty-eight

missions have been supplied with services; also forty-nine churches have been aided by missionary evangelists.

Financially the year has been the most discouraging in the history of the Society. The work in the State has been planned on a scale somewhat commensurate with the urgent needs. Without serious loss it could not be immediately reduced to proportions suited to the conditions of a depleted treasury. The directors have used their best business skill to continue as many of the enterprises wisely inaugurated as possible. Great sacrifices have been made on the part of the whole working force of the Society, for the sake of conserving the highest interests of the churches and missions committed to their care.

There is one cheering fact about this financial shrinkage: three-fourths of it results from the falling off in legacies. Notwithstanding the "hard times," the gifts of the living have kept within twenty-five per cent. of the average for the preceding year. This clearly shows the affectionate loyalty and generous determination of the people.

Retrenchment has been the rule for the entire year. "No new work" and old work on reduced appropriations, have been the form of obedience to this rule. It has occasioned some murmuring, but most of this has occurred because of misunderstandings. In many cases the missionaries have suggested, or insisted, on the reductions which meant privations and hardships to them. It has been possible to continue some lines of work nearly as in the past, because they are supported by funds designed for this special purpose.

The evangelistic force, including the German and Scandinavian general missionaries, before the close of the year, was reduced to one State evangelist and one gospel singer. Seventy-seven places have requested the services of an evangelist, but only forty-nine could be efficiently served with the laborers employed. A number of churches have reported gracious revivals, and in some cases large accessions to membership. One church, which recently came to self-support, received 109 members into fellowship within six weeks; over one-third of the number were business men, and a majority of the remainder were adults. Sustaining this arm of missionary service is as valuable an investment of missionary funds as can be made.

The city Auxiliaries are able to report encouraging progress. Considering the difficulties encountered, the year has been as successful as any since their organization. In the case of Peoria, the calls in the immediate suburbs have been so urgent that the superintendent felt constrained to respond. The strength of the city has thus been brought to the aid of the country round about. Valuable work has been performed also in large cities which have no organized society. This is especially true along the Illinois River, where the proportion of immigrant popula-

tion is larger than in any other portion of the State. In one of these cities, whose inhabitants represent twenty-one different nationalities, a powerful revival of religion has moved almost the entire community. At least eight nationalities were reached. Business men have learned to pray and labor as never before; 115 have united with the church.

The immigrant populations have not only been reached and influenced by pastors and evangelists who preach in the English language, but also by those who can address them "in their own tongue wherein they were born." In this manner, Welsh, Germans, Italians, Swedes, Bohemians, Poles, French, Danes, Belgians, Armenians, Slovaks, and Hungarians have heard the good news. And some progress has been made in gathering these brethren into churches, or in welcoming into fellowship groups which have been previously gathered. While mourning the fact that the German evangelist could not be retained in that work, it is a pleasure to state that in his pastorate he has been so wonderfully blessed that 102 have been welcomed into church fellowship, a parsonage has been provided, and the church has been made a power for righteousness in all that region.

The "home missionary rallies" held in different parts of the State, at which addresses were given by Rev. Messrs. Puddefoot and Wiard and Mrs. Caswell, were a source of inspiration to our people and greatly quickened the zeal of our churches.

MICHIGAN HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY

REV. WM. H. DAVIS, D.D., DETROIT, PRESIDENT; REV. WM. H. WARREN, LANSING, STATE SUPERINTENDENT; REV. JOHN P. SANDERSON, LANSING, TREASURER

The receipts of this Auxiliary for Home Missions, within the year ending March 1, were.....	\$16,666 10
The National Society received from churches, individuals, and legacies, in Michigan, for the national work, within the year ending March 1.....	142 17
Total amount raised in the State, in cash, for Home Missions....	\$16,808 27
The Auxiliary expended in its own field, for missionary labor and expenses, within the year ending March 1.....	\$18,325 97

Says Secretary Warren: The problem of Home Missions in Michigan, as elsewhere, for the last year, has been that of attempting to make a large garment out of a small piece of cloth. This task has been made all the more difficult and perplexing because of a bank failure which has tied up more than \$1,000 of our fund. When, however, we turn to the work and the workers on the field the outlook is full of encouragement. Never did the self-denying home missionaries manifest a larger faith, a holier courage, or a greater willingness to endure hardness as good soldiers of Jesus Christ. Missionary pastors and churches for the most part,

recognizing the pressure which has been upon the givers and upon the Board of Trustees, have cheerfully done everything in their power to help bear the heavy burdens.

The dark feature is that nineteen of our missionary churches which were aided a year ago have been without service altogether during the year, or have had only temporary services at their own expense. Nearly as many more have been in the same condition for a considerable portion of the year. Lack of funds has made it impossible to give the needed help. These churches cannot long be left thus unprovided for without irreparable loss. Something must be done for them soon, or the labor and expenditure of years will be sacrificed. This single fact shows how impossible is any further retrenchment without most disastrous results.

During the year seventy-five missionaries have served 101 churches and preaching stations. Three new churches have been organized in communities where there was no church of any denomination; one of them gives promise of soon being self-sustaining, the other two are yoked with other missionary churches, and do not require a dollar of additional help from the home missionary treasury. During the same period eight churches have become self-supporting, either by assuming the whole financial burden themselves, or by a new yoking with other churches, thus illustrating the familiar truth that in union there is strength. Six new houses of worship have been built. Here the timely aid of that right arm of Home Missions, the Church Building Society, has rendered invaluable aid. One church has removed its house of worship, which was unfortunately situated for effective work, to a more favorable location. This suggests a subject which requires special attention on our home missionary fields; namely, the importance of selecting the best location for a church at the outset, even though it may cost a few dollars more than a less favorable site. In the end it will be the greatest economy.

While our income has been somewhat less than during the years immediately preceding, this loss has not been because of waning interest on the part of the churches, nor because of reduction in their gifts, but is largely due to the death or removal or diminished resources of some of our generous personal givers.

Although there have been most needy and promising openings, this condition of the treasury has made it impossible to undertake a new work, except at a few points where the new could be yoked with the old without an additional draft upon the home missionary treasury.

There is one new phase of the work which has elicited a good deal of interest. Brethren from all parts of the State bear enthusiastic testimony to its effectiveness. During the early part of my work as home missionary superintendent it was a constant study with me to see how the people could be helped to see what I see, and to be made to understand that there

is no investment which pays better than that made in the great cause of Home Missions. Through the generous interest of a personal friend, who is actively and untiringly engaged in the work of the National Society, a camera was provided. This is my constant companion in my travels, and has become as much a necessity as my "grip."

Views are taken of shingle sheds, log schoolhouses, abandoned saloons, small halls over stores, railroad stations, and other places where first services were held, or where churches were organized. Other views are taken of places afterwards used for worship, then of the church buildings which are used to-day. Similar views are taken of parsonages, also of anything which will help to illustrate the life and surroundings of the people. After the exposures have been made, they are sent to a brother who has been a home missionary pastor, and whom, like Bezaleel of old, the Lord has filled with the spirit of God in wisdom, and in understanding, and in knowledge, and in all manner of cunning workmanship to devise cunning works. The result is a fine collection of lantern slides, to which additions are constantly made.

The presentation of these lantern views, supplementing the addresses given, has proved to be a most valuable auxiliary. This testimony was given by a thoughtful Roman Catholic who was present at such an illustrated service one evening: "I have always thought that money put into Home Missions was money put into a hole, but I do not think so now." There is a call for this illustrated service from all over the State, both from the larger and the smaller churches. No effort is made to introduce it, still there is a larger demand for it than can possibly be met. At the same time all necessary expense is provided for, so that it does not add a single dollar to the drafts made upon our treasury.

WISCONSIN HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY

REV. G. R. LEAVITT, D.D., PRESIDENT; REV. HOMER W. CARTER, BELOIT, SECRETARY; C. M. BLACKMAN, ESQ., WHITEMATER, TREASURER

The receipts of this Auxiliary for Home Missions, within the year ending March 1, were:

From churches, individuals, legacies, and income.....	\$8,078 20
The National Society received from churches, individuals, and legacies in Wisconsin, for the national work, within the year ending March 31...	773 90

Total amount raised in the State, in cash, for Home Missions....	\$8,852 10
The Auxiliary expended in its own field, for missionary labor and expenses, within the year ending March 1.....	\$12,119 79

Secretary Carter writes: Forty-seven missionaries, besides three students in their vacations, have served sixty-one churches with twenty-two out-stations grouped into forty fields, with 269 additions, 189 of these on confession.

This does not include additions to four churches organized during the year with 116 members, all but four on confession. One of the new churches was a German church of forty members, on the line between the territory of the State Society and that of the North Wisconsin District, and eighty technically belonging to North Wisconsin, but by special arrangement supported in part by the State Society.

Churches that under ordinary financial conditions would have become self-supporting, in these times show their heroism by maintaining their past standard. But two, therefore, have been added to the self-supporting list, viz.: Black Earth, largely through the self-sacrifices of its pastor; and Endeavor, through the pastor's reliance for support without any stipulated salary.

The marked and stunning event of the year was the death, October 10th, of Prof. J. J. Blaisdell, the President of the Society, and the one who, more than any other individual, had in his vision and his grasp the larger interests of the Kingdom as represented by this Society. While the loss is beyond measure, the inheritance of the results of his devoted labors is also of inestimable value, as seen in "Our Church Life," our settled policy as previously outlined, and, above all, in his vision and spirit so deeply and widely impressed.

The Society is extremely fortunate in having secured, as its present President, Rev. George R. Leavitt, D.D., of Beloit, and in retaining its exceptionally able and devoted Executive Committee.

With the continued financial stringency and the loss of Professor Blaisdell's leadership, there is delay in the hoped for assumption of the support of the entire State by the Wisconsin Society; yet with financial relief through legacies, a united and devoted Executive Committee, two effective District Missionaries, and with hearty and hopeful coöperation on the part of pastors and churches as a rule, better times in the highest sense are confidently expected.

IOWA HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY

REV. TRUMAN O. DOUGLASS, D.D., GRINNELL, SECRETARY; J. H. MERRILL, ESQ.,
DES MOINES, TREASURER

The receipts of this Auxiliary for Home Missions, within the year ending

March 1, were:

From churches, individuals, legacies, and income.....	\$14,889 41
The National Society received from churches, individuals, and legacies in	
Iowa, for the national work, within the year ending March 31.....	577 58
Total amount raised in the State, in cash, for Home Missions....	\$15,466 99
The Auxiliary expended in its own field, for missionary labor and expenses,	
within the year ending March 1.....	\$14,641 87

Says Secretary Douglass: During the whole or a part of the year, 86 missionaries were employed by the Society; 93 churches and about 60 out-stations were supplied regularly by these missionaries, and the time of service was 66 years and two months.

The number of missionaries employed is exactly the same as the previous year. The number of churches served is one less, and the time of service about one year less.

Although the work of the year was about the same in volume as that of the year before, there was a large cutting down in expenditures, the decrease amounting to \$3,264. Within three years expenditures have been cut down over \$6,000. By this cutting down we have been able to preserve a balance between receipts and expenditures. The decrease of expenditures signifies principally a cutting down of the salaries of the missionaries. At least seventeen of our men had salaries of less than \$400 per year. During the year under review seven churches were organized, six came to self-support, five missionary churches completed houses of worship, and four secured parsonages.

Probably in no year of our history have our missionary churches been more blessed with revivals and large ingatherings. Buffalo Center has increased its membership more than fourfold within the year; Cedar Rapids, Bethany, has had a large increase; Doon added more than 50 to its membership; Lakeview received to membership more than 60 during the year, and Larchwood more than 70. These are all young churches.

This is our fifteenth report. During this time we have organized 128 churches; 78 have come to self-support; 148 houses of worship have been completed and dedicated; 98 parsonages have been secured. The membership of the churches has more than doubled, increasing from 15,587 in May, 1882, to 34,694 on January 1, 1897. We have expended for home missionary work within our own borders during this time, \$338,785, and we have sent to the treasury of the National Society for the regions beyond \$42,410. The churches in Iowa planted by the Congregational Home Missionary Society now contribute annually to the various missionary societies from \$50,000 to \$60,000. This is nearly 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. interest on the home missionary money here invested, and the rate will increase from year to year.

PENNSYLVANIA, NEW JERSEY, MARYLAND, DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, AND VIRGINIA

REV. T. W. JONES, D.D., PHILADELPHIA, PA., SUPERINTENDENT

The receipts from this district have been \$9,738.51.

PENNSYLVANIA.—Thirty-six missionaries have been employed during the whole or a part of the year in connection with 59 churches and stations.

NEW JERSEY.—Ten missionaries have been employed during the whole or a part of the year, serving fourteen churches and stations.

MARYLAND.—Five missionaries have been in service during the whole or a part of the year in connection with four churches.

The home missionary churches, almost without exception, report encouraging spiritual interest, conversions, and additions on confession, and some of these churches report unusual religious interest and large additions. On mountain and in valley depressed financial conditions did not put the lights out nor cause them to burn more dimly, thus proving that these churches, however poor or isolated some of them may be, are sustained by an inner divine life, which the world cannot give nor take away. It is a fact worthy of note that real churches of Christ never collapse under trying circumstances ; but churches which have only a name to live, churches without spiritual vitality, as a rule, collapse when external support is withdrawn. These are sifting and revealing times—times of judgment on the spiritual condition of the churches.

THE HAWLEY MEMORIAL CHURCH.—This church, so dear to the heart of Mrs. Hawley, is a mountain gem. It was erected by this good woman for the poor people. In the summer it is usually filled with the mountain residents and visitors who, from Baltimore, Washington, and other cities, visit Monterey more and more. In the past winter special meetings in this church resulted in considerable spiritual awakening among the scattered people. Since it was erected and the small church organized which occupies it, it has been a "light set upon a hill" for all the mountain region. It is impossible to estimate the value of the leavening spiritual work it has done in a quiet way. This is emphatically a missionary church, and no one in the summer has worked more among the people in the spirit of a humble missionary than did Mrs. Hawley. Though occupying one of the finest cottages on the mountain, close to the church, and having all the sources of pleasure at her command, she made herself one of the people, avoiding aristocratic airs and any conduct that would create a gulf between her and the humblest of them all for whom she sacrificed and whom she remembered in her will.

TENNESSEE AND NORTH CAROLINA

The contributions from this district have been \$162.76.

TENNESSEE.—Four missionaries have been employed within the year in connection with three churches. Three Sunday-schools report a membership of 214.

NORTH CAROLINA.—One missionary has been in commission during the year. One Sunday-school reports a membership of 57.

This central section of the field has, like all other parts of the country, felt severely the financial stringency of the past year. The work has been continued in the points reported one year ago. The same number of missionaries have been employed within the year in Tennessee, and in North Carolina, also, the same number have been in commission. In Knoxville, Tenn., Rev. Dr. Frazee, the pastor, has devoted his consecrated strength to this hard field, and the church is making a large place for itself in that busy city. The work at Chattanooga has gone forward with that measure of success which could be expected, and they are looking for such financial relief as the improvement of the times shall bring. At Tryon, N. C., Rev. Mr. Winter is still in charge of the field, into which many Northern people come for the benefit of its healthful surroundings. There has been no enlargement of the work in this portion of the missionary field.

FLORIDA

REV. S. F. GALE, JACKSONVILLE, SUPERINTENDENT

The receipts from this State within the year have been \$2,742.48. Thirty-four missionaries have been employed during the whole or a part of the year in connection with sixty-nine churches and stations. Forty-seven Sunday-schools report a membership of 2,068. The year does not show in these summaries so much of the outward growth as in some former years. But one house of worship was erected, and that meant for the church and community vastly more in the direct spiritual results than in the visible and material. It was the exponent of their spirit of all-sacrifice; and while the work was done mostly by "bees," the pastor joining in it, and the good housewives bringing dinner and bright cheer to the workmen, the living stones of the church were happily builded together. So, generally it may be said of this year that it has been one rather of internal than external growth in the churches. Many of them have suffered from removals and absenteeism, a result of the calamitous freeze of 1895; but in such cases it is remarkable how little spiritual harm has been done. The list of missionaries employed shows a decrease of one; one missionary removed from the State; death claimed one. In the decease of Rev. John W. Harding our service and the State suffered a great loss, and the Ormond church a great bereavement.

The new churches organized during the year are in two groups about 650 miles apart. Three are in the far southeast section, on new ground, and ranking with the distinctively pioneer churches in any part of our country. The other four are in West Florida, that new-old section of the State; and while they are serving communities not hitherto served with

the gospel, and enter on their mission amid great hardships and severe limitations, they are also to be classed with the more than a score of others that are not especially called into being for the service of "the lost sheep of the house of New England." One of these is seventeen miles from the post-office, and in a community much overrun by Mormon elders.

The special work of the Florida Woman's Home Missionary Union, the Spanish speaking, or Cuban, work at Ybor City (Tampa), has during the year, by the Union's own motion, been placed in connection with the Congregational Home Missionary Society. The treasurer of the Union reports to the treasurer of the Congregational Home Missionary Society. The devotion of the Union to this work, and their business-like, patient, and unfaltering management of it are deserving of high praise. Much encouragement comes at the close of the year both in their school and missionary work at the chapel in Ybor City. The nucleus of a church is already beginning to appear. In this connection is to be noted the commission of Rev. E. P. Herrick, upon his resigning the Tampa pastorate, as Cuban missionary in charge of Spanish preaching at Ybor and other places in Florida where such service may be instituted, and as general missionary for the State. His services promise great good to the churches and will be much sought after. This commission for term dating from January 10th comes as a great relief to the missionary schedule of 1897-98. The mantle of our lamented general missionary Missildine falls upon a gifted and devoted successor.

This report should note the continued life and good work of the Florida Chautauqua, the property of the State Association, and a witness, as it is also the product, of the missionary enterprise of Florida Congregationalists. Its spirit and work are good and helpful.

Rollins College, truly a "child of the Congregational missionary churches of Florida," has taken a new lease of life and entered more courageously and hopefully than ever upon the realization of its high ideal, has won during the year wide appreciation and fresh popularity, and, as never before, rests on the heart of this group of young churches and in their prayers and hopes. In God's providence this comes about by his sending to the institution Rev. George M. Ward as its president. This enlargement and assurance of increased usefulness are highly gratifying.

The Congregational Association of West Florida has during the year pushed forward its useful and promising work of caring for licentiates and promoting ministerial studies. Its field and opportunity are great and urgent. The numerous and increasing churches of West Florida approve and demand the elevation of the standard of ministerial qualifications.

GEORGIA**REV. S. C. McDANIEL, FORT VALLEY, SUPERINTENDENT**

The contributions from this State have been \$536.34. Twenty-two missionaries have been in service during the whole or a part of the year in connection with fifty-seven churches and stations. Twenty-four Sunday-schools report a membership of 1,400.

The year closing the 28th of February, 1897, has been one of more than ordinary interest commercially, financially, and politically, but of less than ordinary fruit-bearing activity religiously. During the first seven months of the year, political excitement practically eclipsed all other sorts of excitement. Both the state and national contests were pending in Georgia with more than ordinary intensity. The Southern people, who had long been deluded with the empty sound of "the solid South," found themselves divided as sharply on the new issues as if they lived in different zones; and their contentions became the fiercer because of their former close relations, for the same reason that a family feud is the worst of all feuds.

If the "virus" could have been confined in its effect to persons outside of the church its bad effect would have been much less. But, unfortunately, it entered the ranks of Christ's people, and many serious estrangements among brethren, and sometimes between the pastor and a considerable portion of his flock, and a division on political lines among the membership, resulted.

During the year we have had employed in various ways twenty-four missionaries, who have supplied thirty-seven churches and eight stations with preaching; twenty-seven Sabbath-schools report an aggregate membership of 119 members; ten revivals of religion were reported, and 200 conversions, with 238 additions to the various churches (175 by profession and sixty-three by letter). We have organized four new churches and reorganized two others which were practically extinct, though still on the rolls. Two new houses of worship have been built, three others repaired, and one purchased.

ALABAMA**REV. S. E. BASSETT, FORT VALLEY, GA., SUPERINTENDENT.**

The contributions from this State have been \$240.61. Forty missionaries have been employed during the whole or a part of the year in connection with 103 churches and stations. Five churches have been organized. Nine houses of worship have been erected. Fifty-nine Sunday-schools report a membership of 2,522.

This has been the most remarkable year in several respects in Alabama since I have been its superintendent. There have been gracious revivals in at least two-thirds of the stations, and more hopeful conversions than in any previous year. Notwithstanding all the discouraging features of this Southern work, it continues to grow ; thousands are being converted and added to the churches. The one reason why our preachers can serve churches on such small salaries and live is this : most of our preachers either own or rent a small farm, and their wives and children cultivate it while they go out soul-saving, sometimes on foot, as the horse has to be kept at home to plow.

We have inaugurated and set at work this year a ministerial training school for the better education and training of our young ministers in both literary studies and theology. The wisdom of a scheme of this sort you will readily perceive. We have many young men coming into our churches down here, deeply impressed with a Divine call to the ministry, who are bright, brainy, and intelligent, but deficient in education.

Of course, we cannot expect to do a great deal the present year. We have a class of about a dozen, who are studying at home, some of them by lightwood-knot fires at night, that will spend a month in the summer at the State Normal School in Troy. Our State Conference has recommended and adopted a course of study for our young men who aspire to be ordained and take pastoral care of Congregational churches. During the month they spend at the training school they will be examined as to their progress in the books adopted, which for the first year are these : "Present Day Theology," by Lewis French Stearns ; "Outline Study of Man," by Mark Hopkins ; and "Pocket Manual of Congregationalism," by A. Hastings Ross. There will also be several lectures delivered during the month by prominent men.

According to my judgment, the Alabama work, right in the face of opposition and hard times, is growing in importance and is accomplishing much good for the souls of men and their mental and moral advancement.

MISSOURI AND ARKANSAS

REV. A. K. WRAY, KANSAS CITY, MO., SUPERINTENDENT

The contributions from this missionary district within the year have been \$2,311.61. Thirty-six missionaries have borne the commission of the Society during the year, and several out-stations have been worked in connection with churches having settled pastors. It has been a very trying year, not only on account of the hard times, but in many portions of the field the stringency in money matters as been increased by the unprecedented drought and almost total failure of crops. But work

has not been without its spiritual increase ; there have been added to the churches 159 on confession of faith, and 195 by letter. In not a few of the churches there have been precious revivals, which have not only added to their numbers, but greatly quickened their spiritual life.

In Jasper County work was begun in one or two country districts, resulting in over twenty-five conversions and the temporary organization of a church. Ground and much of the material for, and work upon, a meeting-house were freely offered if we would help them to pay for a pastor. This is only typical of what might be done in many other districts if we had the money.

We have been obliged to abandon the work so auspiciously begun, over a year ago, at Eagle Mills, Arkansas, a lumber camp where but few could contribute. The chief supporter removed ; our appropriation would not admit of giving more help, so this very needy field is left practically without the gospel. Our great lumber regions are in a sad state of spiritual destitution. These and the needy mountain counties of both States, destitute of educational and religious privileges, furnish large opportunity for genuine self-sacrificing missionary work.

SPRINGFIELD.—The aided churches in this district are more than twice as many as in any other outside of St. Louis. Most of these fields have had pastors during a part or all of the year. They all, churches and pastors, deserve praise for their fidelity and courage during these trying times. Of a few I must make brief mention.

GRANDIN.—Without a pastor for several months ; supplied, however, almost every Sunday, and have lost no ground. Mr. Norton, of Chicago Theological Seminary, received and accepted a unanimous call to become pastor, and began work April 25th. The meeting-house is one of the most complete in the State outside the large cities.

CARTHAGE.—Rapidly recovering from its discouraging condition, and making steady progress. The audience now often taxes the capacity of the house. All departments of church work active; pastor and people in hearty sympathy and hopeful ; early self-support certain.

SILOAM SPRINGS, ARK.—In spite of the hard times, and the terrible drought which literally consumed crops in all this region, the church has taken a long step forward. It has secured a sightly location in the center of the town, and a new brick structure, modern and commodious, will be dedicated very soon, practically free from debt, except a loan from the Church Building Society.

NOBLE.—Pastor Stevens and his people are planning to begin a church building ; the church has never had a house of worship ; for several years it has held its services in a room of the Academy building. All the services are well attended, and the various church organizations are in good working order. This is the one point in all that vast region where

regular services are held every Sunday and where a midweek prayer-meeting is maintained. It is truly a light in a dark place.

KANSAS CITY ASSOCIATION

Ivanhoe Park Church, Kansas City, settled its first pastor, Rev. Martin F. Luther, last December, and God's blessing has rested on the labors of pastor and people; audiences doubled, and the attendance at Sunday-school greatly increased.

Olivet, Kansas City. Rev. H. L. Forbes became its pastor one year ago. It had been worshiping in a basement for ten years. The question of a new building was at once agitated. That it was needed was not questioned, but to build seemed to the people and to their friends almost an impossibility. Six years' training from their former pastor led them to believe God would help them in any work that was manifestly for the furtherance of his kingdom, and trusting in him the work was undertaken. Within less than six months' time the building was finished and dedicated, free from debt, except the loan from the Church Building Society. It is a model stone structure, with beautiful cathedral windows, and neatly furnished throughout. The full account of the sacrifices of this heroic pastor and his devoted people will never be fully known till the Book of God's Remembrance reveals them to us on the other side.

Tabernacle, Kansas City. The best year, perhaps, in the history of this church. Current expenses met, and many improvements have been made on their house. Pastor Kloss and his people have also maintained with vigor two missions in other parts of the city. The record of the work of these three missionary churches ought to be a stimulus to others.

Plymouth, Kansas City. Discouragement has given place to hope under the leadership of its new pastor, Rev. A. H. Rogers. Sunday-school increasing, and the preaching services better attended than for months.

Sedalia, Second. Steady growth since the beginning of the pastorate of Rev. J. B. Toomay, last June. The audiences are now large, particularly in the evening; Sunday-school grown, and all branches of the work are in active operation. This church is admirably located in a rapidly growing part of this fine young city and will doubtless be a strong, self-supporting body.

Green Ridge and Windsor have been yoked under the pastoral care of Rev. F. E. Whitham.

KIDDER ASSOCIATION

But two churches in this district now receiving aid: Kidder and Chillicothe. The former fills an important place because of Kidder Academy.

It is one of the best trained churches in the State in its spirit of systematic benevolence. Chillicothe church succeeded in removing its building to a new and central location and has about paid all expenses connected with the work.

HANNIBAL ASSOCIATION

Brookfield has suffered much from deaths and removal of many of its best workers, and greatly needs an addition to its house of worship, having no place for social or prayer-meetings save the large auditorium ; is making an effort to build lecture-room and parlors the coming year.

Bevier. No church has had more difficulties to overcome during the past two years than this. The town's entire population depends for a livelihood on coal mining. Perhaps four-fifths of our church are miners. The mines have been running very irregularly, and much of the time have been closed entirely, taking away all means of earning money and consequently of giving. But in spite of this the spiritual work of the church has not suffered.

Hannibal has been without a regular pastor since last October. Rev. H. W. Dowding supplied for three months. The work of the church is well sustained while looking for a leader.

Honey Creek and Anson are without pastor. These are country parishes and find it very difficult to sustain a pastor with the small amount we have been able to grant them from our appropriation. A parsonage would be a great help to this work and active steps have been taken toward securing one.

SAINT LOUIS

The receipts of this auxiliary within the year ending March 1, 1897, were \$5,513.85. The auxiliary expended in its own field, for missionary labor and expenses, \$5,928.82 within the year ending March 1st.

Superintendent Love reports : Doubtless the last year has been the most trying of any since the auxiliary relation of the City Missionary to the National Society. Money has been hard to raise ; church members have been unemployed, especially in our home missionary churches—they suffer first and most severely—and all the springs of help have been diminished.

Two churches have been forced to go without pastors for nine months or more, because they could not raise on the field enough with the Society's aid to support a pastor. All of our churches have been centers of distribution for provisions, clothing, and financial help, and more than ever has been done in this direction. The cyclone of May 27th has made this kind of assistance more necessary than in any former year.

Six churches have made very creditable progress towards self-support. In spiritual matters we have not been as much blessed as last year, which was exceptionally rich in this respect.

The news of an additional reduction in the Society's aid to this field brings consternation to the churches, and they do not see how any heavier burdens can be borne. The superintendent who has been in charge for six years closed his connection with the Society, January 1, 1897, owing to reduced receipts and the almost certain prospect of yet further reduction the coming year. State Superintendent Wray has been asked to take charge of the churches to such extent as they may need until the times brighten.

OKLAHOMA AND INDIAN TERRITORY

REV. J. H. PARKER, KINGFISHER, OKLAHOMA, SUPERINTENDENT

Contributions from this district, \$305.06.

OKLAHOMA.—Missionaries serving 112 churches and stations, 45. Membership of 68 Sunday-schools, 3,735.

INDIAN TERRITORY.—Nine commissioned laborers, including three teachers.

Superintendent Parker says: The year has been one to test the value of the Christian work done in the Territory, and also one to test our faith in God's people and his promises. The crucial trial has revealed the weakness and worthlessness of some of the material in our church edification, but it has also brought out into clear perspective the real value, gold standard, of much of the material built into them.

While revival effort and effect has not been so marked as some years, the reports are cheering. One of our veterans, pastor of only seven churches, reports a net increase in his churches of eighty-eight. Another, a young man, has doubled his membership of twenty-three. Some of our better and larger churches have been without pastors for the winter season, and therefore have lacked a leader when special work is most favorably accomplished. Some of our churches are being manned by new men, who, we believe, will add to the general strength and progress of our work. We hope, if they are God's men for the places, that they have come to stay unto the victory. We want some stayers; consecrated, persistent pastorates are needed in Oklahoma.

Our churches are learning the blessed lesson of self-help without which there is no rising into the full stature of Christian manhood and womanhood. In learning to help themselves more and more, they come into a fuller realization of what others have done for them, and this begets gratitude towards the societies which stand for the benevolent givers of

our churches. The self helper is drawn more closely to the divine Helper, the prompter and promoter of all worthy action. When we learn that our help comes from the Lord then we know the source that never faileth, and that we cannot be forgotten or forsaken.

TEXAS AND LOUISIANA

F. C. KEE, FIELD BISHOP, TEXAS SUPERINTENDENT

Contributions from this district, \$348.22.

TEXAS.—Seven missionaries are connected with seven churches and stations. Eight Sunday-schools report a membership of 794.

LOUISIANA.—Eight missionaries have served twelve churches. Eight Sunday-schools report a membership of 355.

Says Superintendent Kee: Notwithstanding the many obstacles in the way, the result of the work in Texas and Louisiana during the past year has been gratifying. Nearly all the churches now have pastors and are hopeful, while about a year ago most of them were pastorless, and some of them very much discouraged. The offerings from this field have largely exceeded our estimate. Even the necessary reductions in grants have in some instances "fallen out rather than into the furtherance of the gospel." The financial conditions have forced us to suspend some work of rather doubtful character, leaving us free to begin in more favorable fields when the way opens. Our work is still suffering, because so scattering. The expense of traveling long distances makes it difficult to secure satisfactory attendance at association and fellowship meetings. You will understand what I mean when I say that I have traveled about 7,500 miles during the year, and yet could visit most of the fields but once.

Texas still abounds in "open doors." We have again been repeatedly urged to enter many of them within the year, and have been much distressed because of our inability to do so. Two of the best fields in the State, where we should soon have reached self-support, have apparently been lost to us, our people having gone into other organizations.

The coast country is rapidly filling up with a population largely from the North and West, and we greatly regret that we cannot provide church homes for them. Calls from the large cities are frequent, but as the Congregationalists become fixtures in other churches, their fields will be more and more difficult to enter.

The work in Louisiana has suffered from the failure of the rice crop in the southern part of the State, and from the unprecedented drought in the central and northern districts. The church at Jennings is very prosperous, and has been forced to enlarge its house of worship. I am expecting two or three churches to assume self-support next year.

ARIZONA AND NEW MEXICO

REV. E. H. ASHMUN, ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO, SUPERINTENDENT.

Contributions from this district, \$454.10.

ARIZONA.—Two missionaries in service of four churches and stations. Three Sunday-schools report a membership of 120.

NEW MEXICO.—Seven missionaries in connection with eleven churches and stations. Ten Sunday-schools report a membership of 649.

Superintendent Ashmun writes: Although the business depression has been as great as ever during the past year, lessening the paying ability of the churches, while at the same time our apportionment from the Society has been cut down, yet all things considered, these churches have experienced the best year of any since I came to this field. One attractive church has been built and dedicated practically free of debt, and one schoolhouse in a Mexican village. The latter serves the threefold purpose of a schoolhouse, church, and teachers' home. Substantial repairs have been made upon three churches and two parsonages. One church, the Mexican of Tempe, has been organized during the year, and now numbers twenty-five members. It is supported by the churches of Arizona without aid from the Home Missionary Society. Deming, for some time pastorless, has resumed work and is making good progress. These churches have had exceptionally good ministers, making it possible to report better spiritual results than in any previous year. There has been a gratifying increase in the membership of the Sunday-schools (two Mexican Sunday-schools have been organized during the year), also in benevolences, and in additions to the churches, especially on confession. One church reports nineteen on confession and a total of thirty-nine received. But one church has held special meetings, and that only through the week of prayer. Work has been abandoned for the present at White Oaks, because the missionary could not be supported. On account of the last reduction we have had to leave off two churches from the schedule, and one missionary in the Mexican work undertakes the double service of church and school.

I have delivered seventy-seven sermons and addresses, and traveled 21,134 miles by rail, 767 by stage, and seventy on foot, a total of 21,971 miles. I have preached in a few places not hitherto visited, and plan to do more of this during the coming year. There is the double advantage in this: giving occasional services to these unchurched towns and keeping in touch with them, in case we should be able to begin work there.

Some of the needs of this field:

(1) An increase of missionaries' salaries. It is the wrong time to speak of raising these, I know, but some of our ministers are not able

to live on what they receive. (2) Staying pastors. The changes are too frequent for the building up of the churches. An increase of salary would solve the problem in some instances. (3) Church homes and parsonages. Three churches, one American and two Mexican, have no houses of worship. Only four have parsonages. In many instances a comfortable home would gain a staying pastor (4) Money for the enlargement of the Mexican work. It is a burning shame that Christian America is giving so little to Christianize the heathen within its own borders; nor is it to the credit of Congregationalists that for the 150,000 Mexicans of New Mexico and Arizona we have but two missionaries and three Mexican helpers, and that three out of the five can give but part of their time to mission work, having to gain most of their support by other means.

INDIANA

REV. EDWARD D. CURTIS, INDIANAPOLIS, SUPERINTENDENT

Superintendent Curtis writes: The receipts from this State within the year were \$1,107.39. Twenty-nine missionaries have supplied thirty-two churches and two out-stations, and performed nineteen years and ten months of labor. Thirty-four Sunday-schools report an aggregate membership of 2,772.

Christian fruitage has been abundantly manifested. There have been 163 additions to the churches by confession and 126 by letter. Seven churches have been organized, five of them by council. Seven Sunday-schools have been organized, four houses of worship erected, two extensively repaired; but two missionaries have been ordained. Several of the newer fields are at present doing the best they can without home missionary aid, although none of them can be called self-supporting. In the main the year has been one of good results in the spirit of fidelity, consecration, and self-reliance. There is improved general organization, more self-imposed missionary work in destitute places, and a decided advance in fellowship-power of stimulating benevolent contributions. The "field outside the parish" is receiving attention, and churches are becoming more unselfish in asking less of the Society's aid, in order that the new and feebler work may not suffer loss. The jubilee celebration of the Michigan City church in May, 1896, participated in by the State Home Missionary Society and the General Association, was a powerful initiative to the year's campaign of aggressive work. The organization of the twelve eastern churches of the old Central into the vigorous Kokomo Association developed new workers, and associated the churches (most of them less than eight years old) in more compact and helpful fellowship.

The spirit of freedom and righteousness manifested itself in a strange way in Indianapolis and in an adjacent Bible School, drawing public attention to the principles of our New Testament churches. Valuable workers united with us, new fields were opened, and four additional centers of work were formed. Individuals and communities adopted our polity and sought our fellowship. Local responsibility was increased, as it was possible for the Society to aid but one field in addition to the burdens already assumed.

The "bottoms" of the Ohio, Wabash, and White Rivers are sometimes, in their winding course, many miles wide. They are heavily timbered, and only recently in Southern Indiana have they been invaded by woodcutters, sawmills, and the simple-hearted and honest people whose livelihood is secured by mill work or by opening new farms. Young married people are founding homes. Conditions are rude and primitive, and there are many children. So we have tracts of new frontier southward. Some of the new mill towns are very rough, with no churches and much Sabbath desecration. Our earnest, longing attention is turned to the religious destitution there, and prayers and efforts to extend timely aid are burdening the hearts and hands of the brethren.

The Holy Spirit has owned the work this year by inciting the revival spirit. Faithful preaching and self-sacrifice on the part of the devoted missionaries have borne fruit. Redemptive power is steadily accompanying the Word. Social renovation attends the work of our churches. "Revivals" are called "reformations," because they tend to restitution and purification. Missionaries have helped each other in evangelistic work. At Terre Haute the Second Church, planted in a hopeful district, has been greatly increased in influence and numbers by a sweeping revival conducted by Pastor Harding. Brightwood has had fifty conversions, and the Indianapolis pastors have labored successfully as an "evangelistic union."

KANSAS

REV. L. P. BROAD, TOPEKA, SUPERINTENDENT

Contributions from Kansas within the year, \$3,192.31. Sixty-eight missionaries have served 120 churches and stations. Ninety-seven Sunday-schools report a membership of 7,267.

Superintendent Broad reports: The central features of the year in our missionary church life appear to be struggle, deepening of the spiritual life, growth in stability and self-reliance, a large development of lay activity, revivals, and the strengthening of fellowship between the churches as the best bond of Christian and Congregational union. Few new enterprises that cost money have been attempted. No aided church

has erected a church building or parsonage, though one has bought an inexpensive parsonage. No new church requiring aid has been organized ; an unusual number of vigorous churches have lived without a pastor rather than make the burdensome effort required to pay one such as they need. Yet no church in the State seems to have become weaker because it has been pastorless this year. On the contrary, most of these are stronger spiritually because of the new development of lay activity. Four new churches have come into life through the zeal of their members, assisted by neighboring pastors. Fourteen church buildings have been beautified and improved, and nearly 800 persons have given evidence of conversion in the 55 revivals reported. Two of the most important churches in the State have decided upon permanent self-support, one of them by heroic effort having maintained it for more than a year. Our Sunday-schools and Endeavor societies are live institutions, and have proved themselves vigorous and efficient in our pastorless churches.

In some cases the ambition for self-support is surprising. A frontier church in the northwest, pastorless since January, 1896, except for student labor last summer, and to which I am arranging to send a consecrated student this summer, at considerable cost to the Society, reported last week that they would probably raise more than the large proportion for the student's support which I had asked of them, and that perhaps they would pay his entire salary ; and this although the church has not yet seen the student who is to be with them. While one-half of our Congregational churches in Kansas are still dependent on missionary aid, it is gratifying to see this self-reliant ambition growing.

The case is of the rarest, if indeed it exists in a single instance, where a Kansas church seeks more missionary aid than it really needs, and where it would not be a relief to the church to take no aid at all if it could support its own pastor. Twice this year by one church, aid pledged in advance to encourage it to employ a pastor has been declined when the pastor came. Then the church made a genuine sacrifice and paid the whole salary.

Longton and Junction City have made marked progress this year. The latter is a resurrection ; church supposed to be dead beyond recall ; but through the divine blessing on the labors of our young brother, R. H. Williams, it now gives promise of much usefulness. On the extreme frontier our churches have cordially consented to be grouped in large circuits under one pastor. Rev. H. Thompson, in southwestern Kansas, serves eight churches and preaching stations in a district seventy-eight miles long, traversed mainly by team. He is aided in covering this large field by one of his devoted deacons, John Lloyd, of the Ford Church.

Notwithstanding the financially trying times we still hold up self-support as the true goal, for the benefit of our churches, as well as of the

Society's work in other regions. We are working towards it through the growth and increased giving for their own expenses of the aided churches, rather than by enlarged direct contributions to the Society's treasury, and we trust that this method is proving somewhat effective. The debt of the National Society we should regard as our debt, and besides declining, when possible, to add to it, we should help liberally to pay it as soon as we can. This obligation we trust the State is feeling more and more.

NEBRASKA

REV. HARMON BROSS, LINCOLN, SUPERINTENDENT

Contributions, \$3,012.76. Ninety-three commissioned workers have supplied 128 churches and forty-three out-stations, making nearly 200 communities reached by the Society's laborers. While two or three fields have been pastorless because they could not raise a sufficient amount, even with what aid could be granted, to support pastors, nearly all the churches, except three or four practically extinct, have had more or less service.

The most strenuous efforts have been made to keep the work within our apportionment. Its limits forbade any provision for general missionary work, and Rev. W. J. Paske, our missionary for Northern Nebraska, closed his services early in the year and has had no successor. As only a small estimate was available for evangelistic work, our State evangelist, Rev. C. S. Billings, terminated his relation with the Society in June, and no efforts have been made to fill his place; nor can there be until we have more means.

Earnest efforts have been made to secure all possible combinations of churches so as to lessen the number of fields and to require the smallest possible outlay. The State Board and the Superintendent have had to do more planning along this line than to encourage aggressive movement. One of our pastors, who has a family of children, with the support of only \$625, preaches three times every Sunday, driving with his own team twenty-five miles over a difficult road to meet these appointments. Another, who receives the same moderate support, has developed a circuit of out-stations, six in all, surrounding the home church, to some of which he preaches Sunday afternoons and to others on week-day evenings. The field of another pastor is seventy-eight miles in length and as broad as his time and strength can make it.

Nearly all of our churches have made gains in membership, and as a rule our Sunday-schools and Endeavor Societies are in a hopeful condition. The churches are doubtless learning needed lessons of self-help and of fuller dependence upon spiritual influences and support.

While the total of our offerings from the State has not reached the hoped-for amount, it is gratifying to know that with the exception of a few that have been pastorless part of the year, and two or three where a change in the schedule of benevolences threw the year's contribution over the line, every living church in the State has had part in this work.

NORTH WISCONSIN

REV. T. G. GRASSIE, ASHLAND, SUPERINTENDENT

Receipts from this district, \$664.44. Missionaries serving thirty-nine churches and stations, 25. Reported membership of twenty-five Sunday-schools, 1,737.

Superintendent Grassie writes: It is more than ten years since this missionary district was started. The home missionary administration in Wisconsin is unique, in that over a part of the State an independent auxiliary, and over the rest the National Society, supports the work. This divided condition was a temporary expedient adopted to meet a peculiar exigency. Yet it has worked greatly to the advantage of our missionary efficiency. It has secured for the remote parts of the State greater attention, more funds, closer personal supervision; in short, a greater missionary emphasis than otherwise could have been secured.

In these ten years thirty-four churches have been organized, all of which are living, active, and supplied with ministers. Four of them have reached self-support, and others are soon coming to it.

The number of churches organized is moderate, but they all abide. We could easily have doubled or trebled the number had we not regarded that as wasteful economy and bad policy every way. We think it better to organize churches so carefully and care for them so well that 100 per cent. of them will live and do permanent service in the kingdom of God than to organize twice as many with reckless "missionary enterprise," and have sixty per cent. of them die in infancy. Besides these organized churches we have planted and are sustaining missions at thirty places where churches will be in due time. The whole number of communities into which we have introduced the gospel is sixty-four.

There are two principles that have directed us in the administration of our missionary work: First, the avoidance of all sectarian crowding. We have not in one instance placed a mission where any other evangelical denomination was already at work. In sixty of the sixty-four places entered we were the first and only denomination. The four exceptions were in cities of from 3,000 to 12,000 people, and in fields where our missions were manifestly called for to reach the unsupplied with churches,

While sectarian rivalry is attracting the notice and securing the just condemnation of the friends of missions, we testify that we have kept ourselves wholly free from this crime—we feel it deserves no milder name—which is the scandal of Christendom, a waster of the funds and destroyer of the best effects of Protestant missions.

The other principle kept prominent has been already alluded to, viz., to start our missions with so great care, and to support them with such constant supervision, that all we plant will live, and we shall not have a multitude of abortive churches on our list.

We have in this district a problem in missionary administration which is giving us solicitude: A large part of our population is settled in small hamlets of from fifty to 200 people, and on scattered "clearings." The aggregate of this dispersed population is equal to that in towns and well-settled country, and much of it is so sparsely placed that the maintenance of resident missionaries among them is practically impossible; for no one locality, nor two or three of them together, have people enough to justify the expenditure. Yet in the aggregate this dispersed people is very great, and our problem is: What can we do in a missionary way with this "dispersion"?

The number of inhabitants thus circumstanced in North Wisconsin we estimate at not less than 50,000. They have no ministers, no churches, no Sabbath, no religious services from any denomination. Suppose these 50,000 people were collected in a single great city, a modern Nineveh, without church, preacher, religious edifice, or worship, or religion. Such a spectacle would arouse the conscience and religious affections of the entire nation. Such a thing would not be tolerated. But 50,000 people are 50,000, whether scattered or massed. They do not lose an iota of soul value, immortality, or need of salvation from being scattered. The savagery, the animalism, the godless condition, the extinction of Christianity is as realized. Moreover, this godless population increase and multiply, bearing fruit after their kind, which of necessity will overspread and degrade the evangelical parts of the State.

This problem is before us. How shall we solve it?

MINNESOTA

REV. J. H. MORLEY, MINNEAPOLIS, SUPERINTENDENT

Receipts, \$5,675.81. In connection with 187 churches and stations, 106 missionaries. Eight churches have been organized; three have become self-supporting. Four houses of worship have been built and five parsonages provided. Members reported by 133 Sunday-schools, 8,742.

Superintendent Morley says: Two or three features of our work deserve special attention:

First, the opening of Northern Minnesota. The State is larger than the whole of New England. The northern half is sparsely settled, except along the Red River Valley and in the northeast. North of Duluth are our iron mines, about which new towns are springing up. The opening of the Red Lake reservation in the northwest called attention to the millions of acres of arable land and the immense properties in timber and in minerals in which the north half of the State abounds. Immigration is pouring into this territory, arrested somewhat by the unsettled state of business conditions, but certain to increase in volume.

Immigration, which in its search for arable and well-watered prairie land overshot itself and landed on the arid plains to the west, is returning; while an Eastern stream, partly European, is still looking westward, and another stream from our own cities goes to the country. All these meeting upon our soil take up the rich timbered lands so long neglected, each man contenting himself with a "forty," putting up a log cabin, clearing a few acres, and raising enough to support his family. A few new towns have been started. Walker, beautifully situated on the shores of Leech Lake, expects to be the county-seat of Cass, a watering place, a trading emporium, and the center of an agricultural community. Here we have made a good beginning. But another community we do not dare to enter for fear we could not pay our bills. On the Iron Range we have commenced work at Hibbing, Biwabik, and McKinley, but other communities we hesitate to enter.

A second feature of our work has been the liquidation of debt by many churches, in the face of business conditions which have been appalling, and the placing of several organizations on a sound financial basis.

One church, almost hopelessly involved, has, by concession of the mortgagee, the sale of a lot, the help of friends, and its own exertions, reduced its indebtedness to \$1,500 graciously loaned by the Congregational Church Building Society. Another, by a timely grant of \$500 from that Society, and raising a like sum itself, has reduced all its obligations to the amount owed the Congregational Church Building Society, and expects to make regular payments in the future.

A little country church, so reduced a few years ago that there was not a single resident member, has made as heroic advance as any. During the fifteen months of the pastorate just closed, \$1,350 have been raised for necessary expenses, a parsonage has been secured, the benevolences have increased, a new pastor succeeds without delay the one retiring, and the church plans to be self-supporting. All this has happened in a town of 400 inhabitants, largely Lutheran in their sympathy. When the church was at the lowest a few years ago, an evangelist was secured, conversions

followed, men united with the almost extinct organization, took up the burden, managed the finances, built a parsonage, and, as a crowning mark of spiritual life, gave to foreign missions. A Minneapolis church in debt for its building, having some old debts incurred for running expenses, feeling that in the face of the hard times it could hardly meet its current expenses, has, with the assistance of the Home Missionary and Church Building Societies, raised \$1,380 and is out of debt, self-supporting, and courageous. A church in a large town which for ten years has been more dead than alive, and which many of the brethren wished to drop, has justified the wisdom of the Society in helping it. By the growth of the town and the coming of a new pastor, there is increased spiritual life which soon will develop better social and financial strength, lead to the erection of a new building, and make the church worthy of us.

The method in which many of our churches and ministers have adjusted themselves to their environment deserves commendation. By the yoking of churches, by supplying them with efficient ministers, and by the exercise of care from the central office, a large number of churches have made decided advance, especially along material lines. Many troublesome debts have been reduced, and some churches have been assisted with gifts of money that otherwise would have probably gone to the treasury of the Home Missionary Society.

Money furnished by the Home Missionary Society has been used to stimulate churches to do their best instead of being given as a matter of course. For instance, one church which asked aid to the amount of \$100 was advised that it should be granted, provided all its indebtedness was at once cleared. This was done, and the church brought to self-support. If the condition had not been made, the church would have been still in debt, and would have made another application to us this year.

A *third* feature has been the development of country work about a central church. There has been inaugurated at Alexandria an interesting work, supported by the Alexandria Church, which furnishes the gospel to five or six destitute communities. Each community is stimulated to care for itself and is brought into close touch with the mother church. Something of this kind has been accomplished on the Ellsworth field by employing a student for the summer. In several communities a little home missionary aid, supplemented by contributions from the central church, could furnish the gospel to scattered people practically destitute. At New York Mills we have planted a church, and one man is caring for twenty townships. The Sunday-school Society has organized schools in several places which naturally would be followed by churches and missionaries. The gospel is thus supplied to destitute communities, and the connection with the mother church gives our work stability.

NORTH DAKOTA

REV. H. C. SIMMONS, FARGO, SUPERINTENDENT

Receipts, \$2,770.64. Laborers in commission, serving ninety churches and stations, 44. Four churches organized. Sixty-four Sunday-schools report a membership of 2,534.

Superintendent Simmons reports: The past year has been a difficult one. The early spring-time was very wet in the Red River Valley, and the seeding of the land was greatly interrupted, so that the crop of wheat, on which this country depends, was much shortened. Our missionaries, however, have not listened to discouragement, but have nobly stood by the work. In some respects we have had a splendid year. The little frontier church at Williston, after completing and dedicating their church building, have added to their church membership. Rev. George Extence, after completing the edifice, felt it would be better to go East to his old home, but Rev. J. H. Hjetland has succeeded him, and the work is prospering. Rev. Wm. A. Wilkinson and his faithful wife went to Abercrombie, found the congregation scattered and everything broken up, but by patient, kindly, efficient work they have gathered a fine congregation. The church has been repaired and beautified. Members have been added and a beginning made in the payment of old debts.

The churches have never been so fully supplied with pastors as now, no fields being without supply. Rev. N. P. McQuarrie, who gave up his pastorate at Hillsboro, N. D., to enter on evangelistic work, and who has been signally blessed in it, was engaged about December, 1896, for four months. He has conducted series of meetings at Condo, Gardner, Hankinson, Abercrombie, Portland, and Niagara, and in every case there have been conversions and great good accomplished. At Hankinson, Portland, and especially at Niagara, great power was manifested, and a large number were added to the churches. The long, severe winter and the spring floods have brought their usual trials, but they also have their attending blessings.

The Scandinavian Congregational work is full of promise. A remarkable movement is going on in a quiet way. Spiritual life is being quickened. A Pastors' and Elders' Association was formed last December of about twenty different groups of "free churches," and a beginning made toward a closer fellowship in work that is full of promise for the future.

In North Dakota there is a strong call for an increase of workers in this department. Since December 1, 1896, I have been expecting a new superintendent to be appointed, and that I should give my whole time to the building up of Fargo College, which is the child of Home Missions, but have carried on the work in conjunction, waiting the action of the

Society. For fifteen full years it has been my privilege to conduct the home missionary work as superintendent. It is a work I have loved, and the Lord has given us many blessings. I lay down this work not from choice, but because it seemed to be my duty, in response to the unanimous call of the Board of Trustees of Fargo College. My heart has been in this work. I have been permitted to have something to do with the development of the churches and educational work of our new State, for which I thank God, and may his blessing ever abide upon the Society and its work in North Dakota.

SOUTH DAKOTA

REV. W. H. THRALL, HURON, SUPERINTENDENT.

Contributions, \$1,541.74. Ninety-eight missionaries in the State, including that portion in the Black Hills, in connection with 167 churches and stations. Membership in 139 Sunday-schools, 7,169.

Mr. Thrall says: The straitened condition of the National Society's treasury and the commands of the New York Executive Committee have forbidden our developing new work. One urgent application was made, but consistently refused, where now is an Endeavor Society of 80 active members, under the care of a sister denomination. However, in connection with work already on hand, some advance has been made, for which we feel grateful. Five churches have been organized, and Wheeler is only waiting for spring travel which will permit a church council to organize there. Two church building projects were caught in active operation when the early snow came. Beresford has built an eight-room parsonage; Willow Lake is one of the few churches which have bought a parsonage without aid from the Building Society. Gettysburg has paid off a parsonage debt; Erwin and Canton have plans on foot for parsonage building. I am urging parsonage building wherever possible, as one means of lightening the burdens of the Society.

Constantly we are receiving some of the choicest young men from our Theological Seminaries, for the missionary spirit of this age, which pervades some of our schools of learning, takes the form not only of zeal for foreign missions, but of that zeal which means for many stooping lower under the yoke of consecration, enthusiasm for Home Missions.

This year has experienced repeated obstacles to revival work. The heat of the political campaign made it almost impossible until the middle of November, and our unusual winter began Thanksgiving Day. This has been so different from our usual beautiful winters that all religious services have suffered. However, I am glad to receive reports of 23 revivals and 516 conversions. As we begin a new year we give thanks to the Heavenly Father who has sent us so many blessings. Many faithful,

thoroughly furnished men of God begin it, too, with a brave determination to accept the burdens placed upon this State as best they can, with the help of him who ever stands by our side.

The next century of America's history, rather eternity alone, will reveal the manifold fruitage which will surely come from the sowings which often seem, not only to the givers of dollars, but to the givers of heart and blood and life, very costly. Then we will all know that Home Missions do pay abundantly. "Bring all your tithes into the storehouse and prove me," says that great Giver of harvests to those who do not spare the best of seed for the planting. "Except a corn of wheat," etc.

Too little emphasis is laid by many on those "home missionary boxes" and the work they are doing for the Master. Many a home missionary pastor would find it impossible to remain on his field at all if it were not for the uplift given to purse and to heart by these boxes which open channels of love from homes in New England and elsewhere to homes in lonely hamlets on the prairies or in the mountains. It is not merely their money value, helpful as that is, but the heart value of these boxes has an importance often too little emphasized.

WYOMING AND BLACK HILLS (SOUTH DAKOTA)

REV. A. A. BROWN, HOT SPRINGS, SOUTH DAKOTA, SUPERINTENDENT

Contributions from this district, \$207.80. Twenty-nine missionaries served forty churches and stations. Two churches have been organized. Twenty-seven Sunday-schools report a membership of 1,491.

This has been a year of great perplexity and anxiety, resulting, first, from the very hard times, and, secondly, from the most demoralizing political campaign I have ever witnessed. The ways and means to keep the churches running and at the same time to save them from a hopeless indebtedness has furnished an ever-present problem. There has, however, been no real suffering on the part of the missionaries, though had it not been for "missionary barrels and boxes" I fear this statement could not have been truly made. As it is, the homes of the missionaries are comfortable, though none of them are by any means elegant. The question that presses me night and day is, Will all be as comfortable next winter as they are this?

The early summer gave tokens of spiritual conditions which often precede a general revival. This called out much gratitude, prayer, and expectancy on the part of missionaries and churches; but as the political campaign waxed hot these conditions were scattered to the winds. Acrimony and recrimination by public speakers and in the press created conditions that much preaching will not counteract. I never before witnessed

a campaign where charges of dishonesty were so freely indulged in on all sides. The result is that neighbors are alienated, with little prospect of ever becoming reconciled. Members of the same church are permanently estranged. These conditions, of course, preclude hope of an early revival in such churches, except by that miraculous power that sometimes descends upon a community independent of all personal and social conditions. May the Lord send this marvelous power upon us all.

COLORADO

REV. HORACE SANDERSON, DENVER, SUPERINTENDENT

Contributions from this State, \$1,084.11.

Superintendent Sanderson writes: There have been forty-seven missionaries employed in connection with sixty-one churches and stations; five churches organized or reorganized; two have come to self-support; fourteen Sunday-schools have been organized; two houses of worship built; eighteen revivals, with 311 added on confession, and 275 by letter.

The year has been one of great spiritual quickening among our churches. Many of our pastors are preaching to a procession, and the seed has been faithfully sown; yet we can never know here the full results. We have a strong body of gospel preachers that are seeking souls rather than money or an easy field.

There is great need of spiritual work in our State. Children are growing up without the gospel. Eighteen of our pastors are supplying from two to five different preaching stations, and without exception they do this cheerfully, although at a great sacrifice of time and strength. Eleven more have been added to our home missionary churches on confession of faith than last year, and 114 more by letter, though we have not taken up any new work, and have given up a number of old fields, and yoked others, and have had fewer men employed than a year ago. We have many places with a population of several hundred each, where there is not a religious service of any kind. We are obliged to say "No" to many urgent appeals that come to us. One of our greatest needs is a State evangelist.

Cripple Creek thus far this year has produced \$1,125,000 of gold per month. Our church there (which was the first in the camp) is greatly hampered in its work for the lack of a church building. Our church at New Castle has purchased an 800-pound bell, two prominent Congregationalists in Greeley giving nearly one-half of the money.

It is said by those that know, that we have more young men in Colorado in proportion to our population than any other State in the Union. This means that we must have ministers who can reach young men. In

many of our churches the Sunday morning audience is made up largely of men.

MONTANA

REV. W. S. BELL, HELENA, SUPERINTENDENT

Contributions, \$141.91. Eight missionaries have worked with twenty-three churches and stations. One church has been organized; two houses of worship built; seventeen Sunday-schools report a membership of 624.

Superintendent Bell says: The record of the past year is one of patient, persistent toil, on the part of earnest, devoted men, in many cases under circumstances peculiarly trying. In common with other States, we have suffered a severe reduction in our apportionment, and our churches have been crippled in their financial resources. The reduced apportionment necessitated one of two things—abandonment of one or more fields, or a reduction in salaries. As the voice of one man a protest was raised against the first. Cheerfully was the other alternative accepted, more rigid economy exercised, fewer books bought, plainer fare indulged in, and the work has been held.

No marked ingathering is reported, but almost every field has had steady accessions. Congregationalism is firmly planted in Montana, and although the branches may not be spreading as we could wish, we believe the roots are deepening and strengthening.

UTAH AND IDAHO

REV. W. S. HAWKES, SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH, SUPERINTENDENT

Contributions from this district, \$171.20. Seventeen missionaries in service in connection with twenty-nine churches and stations. Twenty Sunday-schools report a membership of 1,382.

Superintendent Hawkes says: The force is small, but a large amount of labor has been performed. Plans which had taken two years to set in operation were working harmoniously and effectively, and the outlook was bright for future fruitfulness. The great reduction in the apportionment has disarranged all these plans, and calls for readjustment of workers and the work. The value of the laborers in one respect is seen in their discernment of the conditions and the need of hearty acquiescence in whatever changes must be made, and their willingness to increase their burdens; some surrendering a part of a salary none too large as it was, others taking charge of additional fields, and some doing both. We all recognize the inexorable conditions and spend no time in repining, but bend all our energies towards accomplishing the best results possible in the trying circumstances.

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA AND NEVADA

REV. J. K. HARRISON, SAN FRANCISCO, SUPERINTENDENT

Contributions from this missionary district, \$5,246.11. Sixty-three missionaries have served in connection with 104 churches and stations. Three churches have reached self-support, six houses of worship built. Eighty-six Sunday-schools report a membership of 5,513.

Superintendent Harrison says: Our field is as large as ever, and almost as crude. The year has been spent chiefly in seeking to prevent a backward movement; in mending nets rather than catching fish. Such work is necessary at times, but discouraging when too long continued. It has been a year of repression. Buds and first sprouts have been pinched off lest there should not be sap enough for the previous growth.

In the northern part of the State, a region comprising five school districts without preaching has been calling for the gospel, but we have been compelled to cut them off. In another northern county a large region is waiting with great impatience for us to come with the gospel. A tried missionary desires to go to them; the Home Missionary Committee has longed to send him, but

"Chill penury repressed their noble rage,
And froze the genial current of the soul."

The chairman of our local committee in a southern county entreats us to send a missionary for a new field where he says they guarantee a regular audience of 200 people in one place alone. So I might continue the recital of opportunities nipped in the bud. How depressing it all is, only he can know who knows the true facts. Not only have we been unable to enter new fields, but we have been compelled to reduce largely our appropriations to the work already in hand until it is a shame to go any lower. The expenses of the Superintendent's office are \$900 lower for the coming year than they were five years ago, so that the missionaries are not obliged to bear it all.

While it has been a year of repression, it has been one of patient endurance on the part of our missionaries. Not a word of complaint is heard. One man doing excellent service, with only about \$100 from his field, said to me recently: "It is going to be a trying year, but don't be afraid to cut me down if some one needs more." Another man, with his wife and daughter, lives in a barn, with cheese-cloth stretched across the ceiling and around the studding. Their people worship in a church with bare rafters and studding; but not a word of complaint. The burden that weighs most heavily upon them is that they can do so little to send the gospel to those more destitute. How you would love these men and their self-sacrificing families if you could know them as I do! Is it any

wonder that with such men, and preaching such a gospel by life and word, the year has been one of gracious revival in many places? Hydesville, Rohnerville, Porterville, Guernerville, Fruitvale, Murphys, Railroad Flat, Alturas, Adin, Byron, Sierra Valley, Sunol, DeCoto, Etna, McConaughy, Callahans, and others have all been so enlarged and strengthened.

Only two new churches have been organized, though many might have been. These two would not be pinched off.

It has not been the habit to say much about Nevada, though it is also a part of this missionary field. We have but one church there, and just now that is closed on account of a church debt incurred in building. Nevada is the one State in the Union where a prize fight could be held. It is the weakest of all in the number of its churches. Is there no connection between these two facts? We feel that there is a vital connection, and plead for help to enable us to reopen our one church there and plant others. We plead for the sympathetic coöperation and financial assistance of our brethren in the East, many of whose sons and daughters are here growing up under irreligious influences. We cannot walk alone yet. In the last four years our appropriation has been reduced over \$5,000, and all aggressive work is stopped for the present so far as the Home Missionary Society is concerned. It will be a sad day for us on the frontier if the Congregational churches shall become contented to live on a furlough.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

REV. JAMES T. FORD, LOS ANGELES, SUPERINTENDENT

Receipts from this district, \$4,500.60.

Superintendent Ford writes: Forty-one different missionaries ministered to forty-three churches and not less than twenty-two out-stations. Your Superintendent assisted in the organization of four churches—Norwalk, Hamlin, Los Alamitos, and Lake Avenue, Pasadena. The latter decides to be self-supporting from the start.

In 1896 there were added to our aided churches, on confession, 192; by letter, 250; total, 442. Most were added through the ordinary work of pastors and churches. Six churches, however, received large accessions as the result of extra services and the aid of evangelists.

Three of our faithful missionaries, greatly beloved by their people, were called during the year to rest from their labors—William A. McGinley, Milton S. Phillips, and John J. Findlay.

The condition and needs of Southern California are often falsely estimated because considered in view of only about one-sixth of its territory, the part lying between the mountains and the sea, and extending in a

narrow strip along the coast from Santa Barbara to the Mexican line. This part is comparatively well supplied with gospel privileges. Some towns are over-churched. The gospel so abundantly preached has made this a bright spot on the Pacific Coast. But the remaining five-sixths of our territory, the part lying to the east and north of this favored spot, is mainly missionary ground. It is sparsely settled, but has a population of about 50,000—nearly as many as were in all Southern California by the census of 1880. It needs the work of itinerants. To supply five such missionaries for this region would be no more than our part of the required work. We have hoped to be able to furnish them, but our reduced apportionment defers the realization of this hope, and leaves thousands in the grain-raising, stock-raising, and mining portions of our territory to wait still longer for the preaching of the Word. Even within the limits of the more favored part of Southern California is a large population separated from the blessings of a pure gospel by barriers of language. They speak in the Spanish, French, and Italian tongues. Until within the past year we have done no work among them, partly because the desired workers were not easily found, but mainly because, if found, we had no money for their support. But now the Lord himself has started work among the Spanish-speaking people, by sending here for the health of his family a missionary employed by our Foreign Board in Mexico, who, with great earnestness and self-denial, has gone from place to place, gathering sometimes large congregations, and establishing stated services at several points, which are cordially welcomed by the people. He ought not to be left to work at his own charges. Indeed, his work so claims the attention of our churches that they cannot help supporting it, even though by so doing they detract something from their usual contributions to the Congregational Home Missionary Society.

Within the last three months a half dozen requests have come to us for aid to start new churches, but we are compelled to answer that our reduced means require us rather to withdraw aid from churches already existing, and leave them to perish.

Fifty Sunday-schools formed by our Superintendent of Sunday-school work, in advance of our home mission work, appeal to us for the pastoral care needful to their permanence, but we cannot grant it.

OREGON

REV. C. F. CLAPP, FOREST GROVE, SUPERINTENDENT

Receipts from this State, \$551.70.

Superintendent Clapp says: Twenty-three missionaries were employed, and twenty-one years of work reported. Fewer changes occurred than

ever before in our history, and one new helper was enrolled ; two workers left the field. Six houses of worship were built, and seven materially repaired. Forty churches and seventeen out-stations were supplied with regular preaching, and many more fields received occasional visits, when religious services were held and sermons preached.

Missionaries who served fields which were twenty, forty, and sometimes sixty miles apart found themselves the only pastors of all the intervening country. To such they ministered in visiting the sick, and burying the dead, and at wedding ceremonies. One missionary traveled by team over 3,000 miles in the regular work of his field, simply to make the preaching appointments, besides all the other work required of him. Two parsonages were built ; five new churches organized ; one dropped from the roll. Seven young men are preparing for the ministry.

Thirteen churches report revivals ; 390 conversions were reported, with 305 additions on confession of faith, and 101 by letter. The revival interest so manifest last year continued to show itself, and the number of conversions for each year of work was eighteen, with twenty additions to the churches for each year of service. In most respects this is the best showing that the work has made since I have known it. This general average, however, is brought up by some remarkable revivals which have refreshed a few of the churches. The revival at Elliot Prairie was sweeping in its scope. Scarcely a family within miles but either furnished some member to become the recipient of the overflowing grace, or was mighty moved by its power. Plymouth, Freewater, Wilsonville, Ashland, Lexington, Lovella, Butteville, Fairview, and Banks, all felt the glowing impulse of a most gracious reviving and ingathering of souls ; while at Ontario and Huntington the conditions approached the nature of a Pentecost. Where the fields had been hardest, and where the need for such a breaking up was greatest, there the divine streams appeared to flow. The "stony-ground fields" became the richest soil, and here the revival fruits are greatest. In some cases it was the result of faithful preaching in years before, where missionaries had wrought and prayed, and gone away without seeing the reward ; in others, it was where missionaries had labored and waited, and at last had the joy of seeing the harvest for which they had toiled so long.

It would be unjust both to the workers and to Bible truth not to mention here the fact that these revivals have, in every instance, come where two things have been done : first, *they were deliberately and systematically planned, and persistently worked for* ; and secondly, *it was only where the whole gospel was proclaimed in its faithfulness and in its entirety. The simple gospel preached in its purity and simplicity was, under God, responsible for all these blessed results.* And this was equally true whether the work was in the out-stations and country fields, or in the larger villages

and cities. Most of the pastors either sought help by exchanging with one another, or, where it was possible, by getting outside aid; in some cases the superintendent going to their assistance, but more frequently some one else was found. No funds were at hand to employ evangelists, and pastors had to do this work alone or secure such help as could be found. There is great need of money to put into such work in this State, and some of the pastors have special gifts in this way, but there has been no money to use for this purpose for a number of years.

We have much for which to thank God, and many things to humble us. There never was a time when our denomination was so popular in the State as now. Scores of communities are weary of the bickering and backbiting of smaller and narrower sects, and implore us to come in and occupy the ground. The great southwestern part of the State has been entered a little on the southern edge, but for the most part it still remains a great religious Sahara. Wherever the old gospel in Puritan simplicity has penetrated this mass of irreligion and darkness it is eagerly sought, welcomed, and accepted. With the money which Mrs. Barber brought back from New Haven last year as the collection of the Ladies' meeting, one man has been kept in southeastern or "Darkest Oregon" for more than six months, while others have been aided in hours of great need by what remained over. Our Sunday-schools and Endeavor Societies are solidifying in their work and intensifying in their zeal. The missionary spirit more and more pervades them and the churches with which they are connected. The spirit of self-sacrifice shown by the pastors has had its effect in toning up the consecration of the people. Much remains yet to be done to bring the churches up to where they ought to be in the line of Christian and systematic giving. Toward this we are striving. May the dear Master, whose work it is, after all, and who cares far more for its success than we can, bless it and accept it as done "In His Name."

WASHINGTON

REV. A. JUDSON BAILEY, SEATTLE, SUPERINTENDENT

Contributions from this State, \$1,177.25.

Superintendent Bailey writes: Seventy-three missionaries have supplied 96 churches and 46 out-stations with preaching a part or the whole of the time; six churches have been organized, and 13 Sunday-schools organized or reorganized.

It is difficult to give exact figures, but reports indicate that the total membership in the Sunday-schools of aided churches is 5,078, and the attendance on public worship in these churches and stations is 3,675; but these figures are below rather than above the actual numbers reached by

church and Sunday-school work. Several of the smaller churches are having a hard struggle, but none are ready to be put on the list as "becoming extinct." There are churches which seem to be periodically "dying and reviving," owing to local conditions and frequent changes. But often, when we have supposed a church to be dead or dying, and have been secretly rejoicing in the prospect of saving a small grant to add to some smaller one somewhere, we have been surprised to have the church revive and call for aid. A church that ever had real life and power will die hard, if it must die.

Because of the hard times, people are shifting about from one community to another, and many are holding their residence where they are very lightly. This has a depressing effect, as the coming of strangers does not always add strength; and the people lack that strength which comes from a close acquaintance and experience in working together. But the churches are taking root deeper, and the fiber is becoming firmer year by year.

With all that is done by all denominations there are still many communities not supplied or insufficiently supplied with the regular preaching of the gospel. There are communities with children enough for a public school where there is neither Sunday-school nor preaching within reach, and in many cases these are at railroad stations. Such places are left as prey for whatever and whoever comes along. And often in such communities may be found earnest Christian people, whose virtues are hidden by their circumstances. We have by no means reached the limit of our responsibility in the matter of finding and helping these neglected people.

SLAVIC DEPARTMENT

REV. H. A. SCHAUFLER, D.D., CLEVELAND, OHIO, SUPERINTENDENT

If "all is well that ends well," says Dr. Schauffler, there is reason for joy and gratitude as we record another year's work in the Cleveland Bohemian Mission. Although some unfavorable influences reported last year have continued to be felt, there have been encouragements and promises of coming good which have been fulfilled in good measure.

In Bethlehem the Bohemian and English morning congregations, the English evening and Bohemian Endeavorers' attendance were larger than last year, while the Bohemian and English prayer meetings and Sunday-school and the English Endeavorers show a falling off, the last nearly one-half. Rev. John Prucha reports a good spiritual tone of the Bohemian services in the spirit of fellowship, ready participation of the middle-aged and younger persons in prayer-meetings, genuine progress in the Bohemian Endeavor Society, which has proved "a true school of piety

and spiritual education." Rev. E. H. May reports that the year as a whole shows progress ;" attendance at preaching services having been larger and more regular, and he believes the outlook for the coming year to be "favorable for holding what we have and gaining more." The Sunday-school, though now in good condition, has suffered from a lack of teachers, hard to supply at such a distance from other Congregational churches, and when many of our own young people become missionary workers in other fields.

Mizpah Sunday-school, the daughter of Bethlehem, has had a prosperous year, having found it possible to secure a good supply of teachers. Miss Marie Reitinger's Sunday-school work at Mizpah and house visiting in that district have been very interesting.

We are specially grateful for the marked quickening which has come to both parts of Bethlehem church, Bohemian and English (membership 165), and to Bethlehem Sunday-school, during the closing weeks of the missionary year ; its influence continuing into the new year makes its opening bright with promise of still greater good. Special English services were held for three weeks in February and March, when 170 pledges to begin a Christian life were signed. Many signers were children, but there is good reason to believe that a large number did it intelligently and with earnest purpose to become Christians. Already some have signified their intention to join the church, and if the work is faithfully followed up we may look for much greater accessions in the new year.

At Cyril Chapel, Rev. John Musil reports a year of "sowing in hope" in the face of difficulties. Though attendance at services and Sunday-school was smaller than during the previous year, there has been wholesome spiritual growth among some members of the church, especially the young. The church membership is forty-one. A number of grown-up boys and girls, regular attendants at services, are very promising.

At East Madison Avenue the attendance at the Bohemian forenoon preaching services has somewhat increased, while that at the Wednesday evening meeting and the Sunday-school, which latter Miss Morrill has charge of, has decreased ; parents having sent their children to schools at which material help was given. Latterly there has been a marked improvement in the attendance at the preaching service ; a well-to-do family, hitherto unbelievers, has been won, and the number of male attendants is larger. The Bible Readers School had nine pupils, of whom one, a Jewess, left early in the year, much to her and our regret. We have our first Magyar (Hungarian) pupil. Of the nine pupils, four were Bohemian, one a German, one a Slovak, one an Anglo-American, one a Magyar, and one a Jewess. The spirit of the school has been admirable and the intellectual and spiritual progress most encouraging. During the special meetings the pupils showed much zeal, wisdom, and aptitude in reaching

people and drawing them into services. The anniversary exercises in June were of special interest. Five young women graduated from the school, all Bohemians. Four will graduate this year—two Bohemians, one German, one Slovak. The effort to get the Woman's Home Missionary Unions to fully adopt and support the school and extend its usefulness has met with decided favor. When the present financial stress ceases, we trust this will be accomplished.

The statistics of the Cleveland Bohemian work show a falling off in the whole average weekly attendance from 1,511.2 to 1,465.4 during the past year. The number of conversions was twenty-five against thirty-five of the previous year ; of church members received, eight against thirty-one the year before ; while contributions to missionary objects were larger than ever before. There have been difficulties, but there have also been causes for sincere joy and thanksgiving. The faithful work of your missionaries and of devoted church members and Sunday-school teachers, trying to stem the mighty tide of worldliness and indifference which surrounds them and those for whom they labor and pray, has not been in vain. The best proof of this is seen in the genuine spiritual growth of some of our church members and Sunday-school scholars, and largely in the character and results of the special meetings towards which our efforts have been tending and for which we have been praying for a good while past. We believe these have given an impulse to the church and to the whole work, whose effects will be more manifest in the year before us than they can be now.

STATISTICAL SUMMARY, SLAVIC DEPARTMENT.—Year ending March 31, 1897 : Commissioned missionaries (including Cleveland, but not Chicago), 26 ; States worked in, 8 ; stations and out-stations (15 stations, 9 out-stations), 24 ; churches and branch churches, 10 ; church members, 567 ; additions within the year, 47 ; conversions within the year, 54 ; Sunday-schools, 14 ; membership of Sunday-schools, 1,916 ; average attendance at preaching services, 1,049.6 ; other meetings (not preaching), including Sunday-schools, 67 ; average attendance at meetings (not preaching) and Sunday-schools, 2,403.8 ; contributions to missionary societies, \$777.77 ; calls and visits made, 15,040 ; Scriptures circulated—Bibles, 215 ; New Testaments, 216 ; pages of tracts, 396,018.

SCANDINAVIAN DEPARTMENT

REV. S. V. S. FISHER, MINNEAPOLIS, MINN., SUPERINTENDENT

The year's work, while not at all what it might be, had the Society been able to respond to the many calls upon its generosity, and had it not been obliged to do each particular piece of work with the minimum

of expenditure, has been excellent and encouraging. The most of our pastors are deeply interested in their work, have put their hearts and their strength into it, and many of them have been made glad by the manifest blessing of the Master. The churches have been refreshed and enlarged. The reports generally indicate an unusual degree of interest in spiritual matters. A number of letters lately received have been of this character : "I have the good news to tell you that we have something like a revival here. Four new converts joined us at the communion table last Sunday. The Holy Spirit is here and souls are saved." A Norwegian minister who has, in the past few weeks, been making a wide circuit, said to me this morning that he did not know when he had seen such a readiness on the part of his fellow-countrymen to listen to the gospel. They came long distances and crowded the houses to hear the Word preached. In all parts of this Northwestern field there are signs of this quickened desire to hear and know the truth. It is indeed well, since our ministers are working on under the stress of salaries reduced almost below their need, that they are enjoying the higher rewards of their toil, and have a cheering sense of the Master's approval of their labor for him.

There are many fields which would very much enjoy and profit by the services of a student for the summer. And there are students in Carlton College and undergraduates in Chicago Seminary who would like nothing better than to spend the coming vacation in supplying these places. Both students and places would be mutually benefited. From some of these needy regions urgent appeals come to the Society for the requisite assistance. "No" is the only answer that can be made. There are fine opportunities just now presenting themselves for the taking up of work which has large promise of usefulness and success. Well-considered plans for a wise enlargement of our great enterprise must be laid aside, for the time being only, we hope.

If we may not occupy new territory or enter new places, we expect, by the Lord's help, to hold the work which we now have in hand, to establish it more surely, and to push it further all along the line.

GERMAN DEPARTMENT

REV. M. E. EVERSZ, D.D., CHICAGO, ILL., SUPERINTENDENT

Superintendent Eversz reports: "A large family is the poor man's lot." Your German Department is surely "the poor man" this year. We began the year resolved not to expand the work more than was absolutely necessary, but eleven children have been added to our Congregational family. On March 1st we numbered 123 German churches, and three have since been added to the list. Missionaries employed for

the year, or a part of it, 53, caring for 81 churches and 28 missions. Eighteen other pastors have cared for 41 churches without home missionary aid. We are especially grateful that while collections for Home Missions have generally decreased, our German churches have brought larger missionary offerings than in any previous year. We are also happy to note gracious seasons of refreshing in the following and other fields: Des Moines and Muscatine, Iowa; Globeville, Colorado; McCook, Sutton, Friend, and Turkey Creek, Nebraska; Worms, South Dakota, and in the mission field about Fessenden, North Dakota. Other fields have been refreshed without attaining what is called a revival. The valuable help of the Rev. J. F. Grove, who labored for about five months, most of the time as an evangelist under commission of the National Society, and that of general missionary Sattler, have been very effective in this direction. Many more calls have come for their assistance than they were able to respond to. The visits of the Rev. George E. Albrecht, my predecessor in this work, were also very helpful in stimulating the missionary interest in some of our churches.

We are glad to report that our "Kirchenbote" and "Segensquelle" have rather more than held their own, and paid their own cost of publication. Considering the hard times and the unfavorable conditions, so many of our German laborers being out of work, we feel that this has been a real success.

Wilton College has increased its attendance by about twenty per cent., and promises still larger growth, if only the means can be provided to maintain its present efficiency. It is just now passing through a financial crisis. The Education Society has not been able to fulfill its pledges of last year and this. Collections have also been smaller than usual, while the increased attendance in the school forbade a diminution of expenditure. We have consequently reached a point where either a special relief fund must be provided or we must turn away most of our English-speaking students.

Needs of the work: (1) We need a publication fund of about \$1,000. If we could have that amount, we would be in a position to provide tracts, leaflets, and all publications needed, for years to come. It would enable us to publish our "Kirchenbote" as a weekly, and to put it on a self-supporting basis. It would also enable us to provide for a church and a Sunday-school hymn book of our own. It is perhaps difficult for the average Congregationalist to realize how important this is. But the use of a denomination's hymn book has often been a magnet to draw the German heart to it. A reasonably good hymn book would also do much to unify our work and to magnify it in the eyes of the German people.

If the German work is to be carried forward as it ought to be, we also need (2) more general missionaries. We have now but one in the field,

and we are able to keep him, on our present apportionment, only by reducing his salary more than is meet. We should have at least one other in Washington and Oregon if our work is to grow there as it ought.

But among the many needs, there is perhaps none greater than (3) that of a generous support for our educational work. An emergency fund of \$5,000 must be provided at once if our German work is not to receive a severe set-back. We have just reached a point where prosperity and success are crowning our efforts. Shall disappointment and disaster overtake it when it is most useful?

Its promise : On the whole I think that I can truthfully say that our German work has never been in so hopeful and promising a condition as now. More than ever churches that have heard of our "way," turn to us and seek our fellowship. In some cases in Dakota, men who, with their churches, were the leading opponents of the work when it was first carried among them by brother José and brother Albrecht, are now turning to us. One such church there was received into our fellowship only last fall. Two months ago we received a letter from a brother in New Jersey. As a lay member of a Methodist church he had begun a mission. A Sunday-school numbering more than 100, and a church ready to organize, with some forty members, had been gathered. The brother had come to the conclusion that he and his church could work better under Congregational than any other auspices, and he was, at last accounts, fully determined to come into our fellowship. Within three weeks a letter has reached me from St. Louis. The pastor of a growing church, a very intelligent man, was making inquiries concerning Congregational fellowship. Let us have the means, and give us a "school of the prophets" reasonably well equipped, and I am confident that our German work will make more rapid strides than ever before.

ABSTRACT OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT

DEBT STATEMENT

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

RECEIPTS DURING THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 31, 1897

From Congregations and Individuals :			
Maine	.....	\$1,341	56
New Hampshire	.....	3,719	52
Vermont	.....	4,309	17
Massachusetts	.....	15,891	90
Rhode Island	.....	653	27
Connecticut	.....	23,950	17
New York	.....	26,143	64
New Jersey	.....	3,814	77
Pennsylvania	.....	1,896	61
Maryland	.....	344	83
District of Columbia	.....	1,160	47
Virginia	.....	27	45
West Virginia	.....	22	60
Kentucky	.....	20	68
Tennessee	.....	96	05
North Carolina	.....	66	71
South Carolina	.....	5	00
Georgia	.....	536	34
Florida	.....	2,488	55
Alabama	.....	240	61
Louisiana	.....	109	12
Texas	.....	239	10
Missouri	.....	2,294	86
Arkansas	.....	16	75
Indian Territory	.....	19	50
Oklahoma Territory	.....	285	56
New Mexico	.....	32	40
Arizona	.....	421	70
Ohio	.....	6,891	84
Indiana	.....	1,107	39
Illinois	.....	1,006	57
Michigan	.....	83	42
Wisconsin	.....	723	90
Iowa	.....	297	67
Minnesota	.....	5,563	63
Kansas	.....	3,192	31
Nebraska	.....	3,012	76
North Dakota	.....	770	64
South Dakota	.....	1,676	43
Colorado	.....	1,084	11
Wyoming	.....	73	11
Montana	.....	141	91
Utah	.....	99	55
Idaho	.....		\$71
California	.....		65
Nevada	.....		8,746
Oregon	.....		71
Washington	.....		20
Canada	.....		00
Hawaiian Islands	.....		551
China	.....		70
South Africa	.....		1,177
Anonymous	.....		25
Annual meeting at New Haven, Conn.	.....		22
			50
			210
			00
			10
			00
			20
			00
			1,173
			05
			262
			40

			\$127,139
			39
From Collections (Congregations, Individuals, etc.) transmitted by Auxiliary Societies, viz. :			
New Hampshire	.....		\$757
Vermont	.....		23
Massachusetts	.....		304
Rhode Island	.....		97
Connecticut	.....		31,317
Illinois	.....		55
			1,539
			56
			2,296
			15
			475
			00

			\$36,690
			46
From Legacies :			
Maine	.....		\$2,962
New Hampshire	.....		50
Vermont	.....		2,098
Massachusetts	.....		32
Rhode Island	.....		677
Connecticut	.....		58
New York	.....		49,206
District of Columbia	.....		18
Pennsylvania	.....		7,737
Maryland	.....		91
Ohio	.....		18,707
West Virginia	.....		93
Florida	.....		7,737
Illinois	.....		4521
Michigan	.....		00
New York	.....		1,232
District of Columbia	.....		10
Pennsylvania	.....		1,262
Maryland	.....		28
Ohio	.....		84,594
West Virginia	.....		35
Florida	.....		783
Illinois	.....		50
Michigan	.....		266
Wisconsin	.....		14
Iowa	.....		253
Minnesota	.....		93
Michigan	.....		4,340
Wisconsin	.....		20
Iowa	.....		58
Minnesota	.....		75
			50
			00
			279
			91
			112
			18

North Dakota	\$2,000 00	Wisconsin.....	\$12,119 79
California	1,000 00	Iowa	14,641 87
	<hr/>	Congregational City Missionary	
		Society of St. Louis, Mo....	5,928 82
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From Income of Permanent and Temporary Funds	\$11,238 82		\$230,215 34
From subscriptions to The Home Missionary.....	803 46	Total Receipts from Regular Sources.....	\$588,318 52
From sale of Home Missionary Leaflets and Maps.....	86 29	Loans from Bank, within the fiscal year.....	167,299 59
	<hr/>	Balance from last year, viz.:	
From Auxiliaries :—Receipts applied to work in their own fields, viz.:		Cash for drafts accepted.....	8,523 38
Maine.....	\$16,068 70	Cash in reserve for payment of loans of fiscal year ending March 31, 1896 (including \$3,405.83 for interest).....	28,530 19
New Hampshire.....	12,497 34	Special deposit for investment.	12,500 00
Vermont.....	11,459 65		<hr/>
Massachusetts.....	64,767 17		\$805,171 68
Rhode Island	4,095 72		
Connecticut.....	14,511 05		
Illinois	55,799 26		
Michigan	18,325 97		

PAYMENTS DURING THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 31, 1897

MISSIONARY AGENCIES

Missionary Service :—

Salaries and expenses of missionaries,
local, general, and superintending, in thirty-
six States and Territories, viz.:

New York	\$29,071 66
New Jersey	1,816 03
Pennsylvania.....	6,749 85
Maryland.....	822 25
West Virginia.....	200 00
North Carolina.....	265 00
Georgia.....	4,553 60
Florida.....	9,280 33
Alabama	3,836 58
Louisiana.....	3,125 90
Texas	2,261 59
New Mexico	4,164 13
Arizona.	487 50
Missouri.....	11,334 93
Arkansas	2,225 52
Indian Territory.....	1,398 28

Oklahoma Territory.....	\$12,958 15
Tennessee	1,800 00
Ohio	6,840 12
Indiana.....	8,289 04
Wisconsin (North).....	4,500 31
Minnesota	18,120 64
Kansas	13,840 86
Nebraska	14,448 89
North Dakota	9,311 82
South Dakota	21,426 24
Colorado.....	11,701 51
Utah.....	7,631 19
Idaho	3,572 48
Montana.....	4,865 23
Wyoming.....	4,389 15
California	25,504 35
Nevada.....	275 00
Oregon	12,325 00
Washington.....	21,236 49
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	\$284,629 62

Work for Immigrant Population:—

Salaries and expenses of local and general missionaries in nineteen States, viz.:

New York	\$1,866 67	Iowa .....	.....	\$362 54
New Jersey.....	1,215 25	Minnesota .....	.....	2,475 71
Pennsylvania.....	3,303 77	Kansas.....	.....	225 00
Missouri.....	1,213 96	Nebraska .....	.....	3,639 33
Ohio	6,116 80	North Dakota .....	.....	722 61
Indiana	437 50	South Dakota .....	.....	1,438 02
Illinois	543 75	Colorado .....	.....	475 00
Michigan.....	1,238 29	California.....	.....	184 50
Wisconsin.....	3,748 55	Oregon .....	.....	797 89
		Washington .....	.....	1,528 95
		Salaries and expenses of super- intendents .....	.....	9,194 08
				<hr/>
				\$40,728 17

Refunded to Missionary Society of Connecticut (from receipts from that State) for missionary labor and expenses.....

\$8,151 22

Refunded to Michigan Home Missionary Society (from receipts from that State) for missionary labor and expenses.....

627 42

Illinois..... { From receipts from that State for
missionary labor and expenses. }

2,939 63

11,718 27

Services and expenses of Rev. W. G. Puddefoot, Eastern Field Secretary.....

\$2,975 41

Services and expenses of Rev. C. W. Shelton, Eastern Field Secretary.....

3,766 82

Services and expenses of Rev. H. D. Wiard, Western Field Secretary.....

3,652 25

Expenses, Home Missionary meetings.....

2,227 61

12,622 09

Expended by Auxiliaries:—

Missionary labor and expenses, viz.:

Maine .....	.....	\$16,068 70
New Hampshire .....	.....	12,497 34
Vermont .....	.....	11,459 65
Massachusetts .....	.....	64,767 17
Rhode Island.....	.....	4,095 72
Connecticut .....	.....	14,511 05
Illinois.....	.....	55,799 26
Michigan.....	.....	18,325 97
Wisconsin .....	.....	12,119 79
Iowa .....	.....	14,641 87
Congregational City Missionary Society of St. Louis, Mo.	.....	5,928 82
		<hr/> 230,215 34

Procuring and distributing clothing, books, etc., not included in treasury receipts, but constituting an essential part of the resources, and estimated this year at not less than \$64,000 in value.....

680 00

Special appeals: Advertising, general information about the work, etc.....

2,482 48

OFFICERS

Services of the Honorary Treasurer, Corresponding Secretaries,
and Treasurer :

Rev. A. H. Clapp, D.D.....	\$2,000 00
" J. B. Clark, D.D.....	4,500 00
" W. Kincaid, D.D.....	4,500 00
" W. Choate, D.D.....	4,500 00
Mr. William B. Howland.....	3,000 00
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Traveling expenses of Executive Committee and Secretaries..	\$18,500 00
	790 54

Traveling expenses of Executive Committee and Secretaries..

WOMAN'S DEPARTMENT

Mrs. H. S. Caswell, Secretary.....	\$1,000 00
Publication, postage, and distribution of leaflets and helps for Women's and Children's Work	936 78
Clerical services.....	1,404 00
Traveling expenses of the Secretary	474 69
Rent, heating, and furniture.....	350 00
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	4,165 47

PUBLICATIONS

Paper, illustrations, printing, and distribution of The Home Missionary, 24,879 copies monthly, including copies due without charge to Auxiliaries, Life Directors, Life Mem- bers, Missionaries, and Contributors.....	\$9,929 98
Annual Report: 1,500 copies with statistics, tables, missionary fields and missionaries—paper, printing, and distribution.	1,192 36
Annual sermon by Rev. Daniel Merriman, D.D., 1,500 copies —paper, printing, and distribution.....	71 50
Publication and distribution of Home Missionary leaflets, Home Missionary Sunday-school exercises, etc.....	890 28
Services of Rev. A. H. Clapp, D.D., in this department	1,000 00
Clerical services in this department.....	3,086 00
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	16,170 12

GENERAL EXPENSES

Rent, heating, furniture, and care of missionary rooms	3,248 60
Postage, envelopes, stamps, and telegrams.....	928 95
Freight, cartage, boxes, wrapping paper, and twine.....	156 48
Stationery, maps, books, Life Members' certificates, commissions, drafts, circulars, notices, and blanks.....	708 48
Services of bookkeepers and stenographers, copying letters, mail-books, and preparing documents.	5,461 01
Typewriting machines and copying-press supplies.....	208 40
Legal services and collecting legacies.....	3,390 52
Expenses of anniversary meeting	1,646 06
Treasurer's bond—Fidelity & Casualty Company.....	200 00

Annuity account	\$1,537 17
Interest on loans.....	11,303 34
	<u>\$28,789 or</u>

Total amount of payments for missionary labor and expenses out of regular receipts.....	\$651,491 11
Loans of 1896-97 paid within the year.....	90,000 00
Loan of 1895-96 paid (excluding 3,465.83, for interest which is included in the item of "Interest on loans" above).....	25,064 36
Transferred from special deposit to Invested Funds.....	4,589 33
Cash Balance March 31, 1897:	
Cash unappropriated.....	\$1,495 09
Cash in reserve for drafts accepted	24,621 12
Cash on special deposit for Investment.....	7,910 67
	<u>34,026 88</u>
	<u>\$805,171 68</u>

DEBT STATEMENT

Net debt March 31, 1896.....	\$51,700 41
Loans within the fiscal year	167,299 59
	<u>\$219,000 00</u>
Loans paid.....	90,000 00
	<u>\$129,000 00</u>
Unappropriated balance March 31, 1897.....	1,495 09
Net debt March 31, 1897.....	<u>\$127,504 91</u>

(See debt statement with "Abstract of the Financial Statement.")

This is to certify that I have examined the account of the Treasurer of the Congregational Home Missionary Society, and find the same properly vouched, and that there was in hand at the end of the fiscal year, March 31, 1897, a balance of thirty-four thousand and twenty-six dollars and eighty-eight cents (\$34,026.88).

CALEB B. KNEVALS, *Auditor.*

NEW YORK, June 1, 1897.

INVESTED FUNDS OF THE SOCIETY

Permanent:—

The Swett Exigency Fund.....	\$50,000 00
The James McQuesten Fund.....	100,000 00
Permanent Investment—Bonds of which only the income can be used.....	34,160 67
Temporary Investments—Bonds, stock certificates, etc., many of no market value (par value).	86,177 10
Trustee Funds—Funds temporarily in hands of Trustees on the settlement of estates.....	28,773 93
J. H. Stickney legacy, securities	2,680 00
A. D. Howard Fund. For Annuity subject to a life interest.....	5,000 00

**SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS—YEAR ENDING MARCH 31,
1897**

* Raised and expended by Auxiliaries on their own fields.

Maine :

Contributions	\$1,341 56
Legacies	2,962 50
	—————
*Auxiliary	16,068 70
	—————
Contributions	\$4,304 06

Maryland :

Contributions	\$344 83
Legacies	84,594 35
	—————
	\$84,939 18

New Hampshire :

Contributions	\$4,476 75
Legacies	2,098 32
	—————
*Auxiliary	12,497 34
	—————
Contributions	6,575 07

Dist. of Columbia :

Contributions	\$1,160 47
Legacies	1,232 10
	—————
	2,392 57

Vermont :

Contributions	\$4,614 14
Legacies	677 58
	—————
*Auxiliary	11,459 65
	—————
Contributions	5,291 72

Virginia :

Contributions	27 45
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Massachusetts :

Contributions	\$47,209 45
Legacies	49,206 18
	—————
*Auxiliary	64,767 17
	—————
Contributions	96,415 63

West Virginia :

Contributions	\$22 60
Legacies	266 14
	—————

288 74

Rhode Island :

Contributions	\$2,192 83
Legacies	4,521 00
	—————
*Auxiliary	4,095 72
	—————
Contributions	6,713 83

Georgia :

Contributions	536 34
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North Carolina :

Contributions	66 71
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Connecticut :

Contributions	\$26,246 32
Legacies	18,707 93
	—————
*Auxiliary	14,511 05
	—————
Contributions	44,954 25

South Carolina :

Contributions	5 00
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New York :

Contributions	\$25,143 64
Legacies	7,737 91
	—————
	32,881 55

Kentucky :

Contributions	20 68
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New Jersey :

Contributions	3,814 77
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Florida :

Contributions	\$2,488 55
Legacies	253 93
	—————

2,742 48

Pennsylvania :

Contributions	\$1,896 61
Legacies	1,262 28
	—————
	3,158 89

Alabama :

Contributions	240 61
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Louisiana :

Contributions	109 12
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<i>Texas :</i>	<i>Minnesota :</i>		
Contributions....	\$239 10	Contributions....	\$5,563 63
<i>Arkansas :</i>	<i>Kansas :</i>		
Contributions ...	16 75	Contributions....	112 18
<i>Oklahoma :</i>	<i>Nebraska :</i>		
Contributions....	285 56	Contributions....	3,192 31
<i>Indian Territory :</i>	<i>North Dakota :</i>		
Contributions....	19 50	Contributions....	3,012 76
<i>Arizona :</i>	<i>South Dakota :</i>		
Contributions....	421 70	Contributions....	2,770 64
<i>Ohio :</i>	<i>Colorado :</i>		
Contributions....	\$6,891 84	Contributions ...	1,084 11
Legacies.....	783 50	<i>Wyoming and Black Hills :</i>	
	7,675 34	Contributions....	207 80
<i>Indiana :</i>	<i>Montana :</i>		
Contributions....	1,107 39	Contributions....	141 91
<i>Illinois :</i>	<i>Utah :</i>		
Contributions....	\$1,481 57	Contributions....	99 59
Legacies.....	4,340 20	<i>California :</i>	
*Auxiliary.....	5,821 77	Contributions....	\$8,746 71
	55,799 26	Legacies.....	1,000 00
<i>Missouri :</i>	<i>Oregon :</i>		
Contributions....	2,294 86	Contributions....	9.746 71
*St. Louis [C. M. S.]	5,928 82	<i>Washington :</i>	
		Contributions....	1,177 25
<i>Michigan :</i>	<i>Idaho :</i>		
Contributions....	\$83 42	Contributions....	551 70
Legacies	58 75	<i>Nevada :</i>	
*Auxiliary.....	142 17	Contributions....	20 00
	18,325 97	<i>New Mexico :</i>	
<i>Wisconsin :</i>	Contributions....		
Contributions....	\$723 90	Contributions....	32 40
Legacies.....	50 00	Other Countries, and	
*Auxiliary.....	773 90	Anonymous.....	1,697 95
	12,119 79	<i>Income—Invested</i>	
<i>Iowa :</i>	Funds.....		
Contributions....	\$297 67	Sales—Leaflets.....	11,238 82
Legacies.....	279 91		86 29
*Auxiliary	577 58	Home Missionary	
	14,641 87	Receipts.....	803 46

DISTRIBUTION OF MISSIONARIES BY STATES

Society's Year, beginning 1826.	EASTERN STATES.					MIDDLE STATES.		SOUTHERN STATES.																			
	Maine.	N. Hampshire.	Vermont.	Massachusetts's.	Rhode Is'nd.	Connecticut.	New York.	Delaware.	Maryland.	Dist. Col'bia.	Virginia.	W. Virginia.	N. Carolina.	S. Carolina.	Georgia.	Alabama.	Mississippi.	Louisiana.	Arkansas.	Florida.	Texas.	Indian Ter.	Oklahoma.	New Mexico.	Arizona Ter.	Mexico.	
1—'26-'27.	....	....	....	....	....	....	120	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
2—'27-'28.	1	2	2	1	1	1	120	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
3—'28-'29.	40	2	29	1	3	1	117	10	10	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
4—'29-'30.	47	29	27	3	3	1	133	2	10	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
5—'30-'31.	54	31	35	3	21	25	148	2	10	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
6—'31-'32.	62	40	32	1	3	25	157	2	11	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
7—'32-'33.	66	58	38	55	4	26	151	3	16	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
8—'33-'34.	83	63	42	68	3	34	177	3	20	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
9—'34-'35.	87	49	42	68	3	37	185	6	34	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
10—'35-'36.	90	59	53	71	6	40	183	5	20	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
11—'36-'37.	107	50	50	74	3	37	180	6	34	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
12—'37-'38.	71	56	52	76	3	33	167	7	29	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
13—'38-'39.	70	48	47	80	5	34	148	6	41	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
14—'39-'40.	71	55	51	73	2	38	165	12	27	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
15—'40-'41.	74	47	50	82	4	35	167	11	35	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
16—'41-'42.	73	50	54	83	3	42	187	11	49	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
17—'42-'43.	68	47	53	78	3	39	193	10	47	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
18—'43-'44.	75	44	40	64	5	42	201	10	44	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
19—'44-'45.	82	45	39	66	7	46	188	10	51	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
20—'45-'46.	80	45	45	56	8	49	211	6	53	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
21—'46-'47.	86	44	43	60	6	36	198	7	47	2	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
22—'47-'48.	91	46	45	62	10	41	187	4	45	1	3	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
23—'48-'49.	89	41	50	67	10	45	186	4	49	1	4	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
24—'49-'50.	92	48	58	60	6	45	173	6	47	2	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
25—'50-'51.	91	46	61	61	7	45	170	11	42	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
26—'51-'52.	96	44	60	54	7	44	152	10	44	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
27—'52-'53.	101	46	58	54	9	45	158	9	45	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
28—'53-'54.	93	44	57	46	10	42	154	10	44	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
29—'54-'55.	92	48	45	43	7	43	140	11	49	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
30—'55-'56.	97	43	43	42	7	44	137	13	48	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
31—'56-'57.	92	43	53	38	6	40	133	12	46	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
32—'57-'58.	91	45	77	34	8	30	133	14	40	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
33—'58-'59.	92	45	97	38	8	39	135	12	53	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
34—'59-'60.	81	54	99	43	10	44	138	12	48	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
35—'60-'61.	86	51	75	44	8	44	121	12	47	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
36—'61-'62.	88	39	24	47	8	49	80	3	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
37—'62-'63.	82	39	68	45	6	49	43	2	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
38—'63-'64.	77	34	58	60	6	54	42	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
39—'64-'65.	77	39	61	59	5	52	53	1	5	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
40—'65-'66.	78	39	53	61	7	45	58	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
41—'66-'67.	82	38	65	63	6	39	57	57	2	65	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
42—'67-'68.	94	45	66	61	4	37	57	4	12	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
43—'68-'69.	85	48	29	70	6	36	57	5	11	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
44—'69-'70.	89	42	65	74	6	34	55	7	10	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
45—'70—'71.	95	38	60	64	6	33	53	7	10	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
46—'71—'72.	110	35	58	61	8	36	49	7	6	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
47—'72—'73.	102	39	57	66	7	41	39	7	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
48—'73—'74.	110	39	51	65	8	39	47	5	6	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
49—'74—'75.	82	45	45	66	6	48	53	5	7	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
50—'75—'76.	90	47	49	73	6	39	54	10	5	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
51—'76—'77.	77	49	48	81	6	42	54	9	10	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
52—'77—'78.	83	49	57	76	7	44	57	6	7	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
53—'78—'79.	86	49	55	71	7	44	47	6	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
54—'79—'80.	82	55	61	76	8	45	45	7	5	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
55—'80—'81.	82	59	53	75	7	30	43	5	7	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
56—'81—'82.	95	59	53	75	7	30	43	5	7	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
57—'82—'83.	89	64	52	72	10	39	46	5	15	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
58—'83—'84.	94	62	53	83	8	40	53	4	23	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
59—'84—'85.	104	66	55	88	7	40	67	8	18	1	2	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
60—'85—'86.	103	64	60	97	10	50	71	7	23	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
61—'86—'87.	99	65	62	97	10	50	73	7	23	1	1	2	1	1	1	1</											

DISTRIBUTION OF MISSIONARIES BY STATES

Society's Year, beginning 1826.	South'n States.		WESTERN STATES AND TERRITORIES.														Oregon. Wash'tn.				
	Tenn's	Kentucky	Ohio.	Indiana.	Illinois.	Missouri.	Michigan	Wis'n's	Iowa.	Minn'sota	Kansas.	Nebraska	No. Dak.	So. Dak.	Wyoming	Montana.	Utah.	Nevada.	Idaho.	Calif'nia	
1—26—27.	2	4	16	3	2	3	4														
2—27—28.	2	4	27	9	3	5	5														
3—28—29.	3	3	43	12	8	12	6														
4—29—30.	7	5	4	18	12	5	13														
5—30—31.	5	9	74	23	17	5	13														
6—31—32.	7	13	74	24	20	12	16														
7—32—33.	11	13	80	26	23	12	20														
8—33—34.	10	9	68	29	24	13	16														
9—34—35.	13	7	85	25	29	10	16														
10—35—36.	9	80	24	32	12	17															
11—36—37.	12	7	72	31	31	9	29														
12—37—38.	7	6	64	29	27	14	22														
13—38—39.	6	7	56	26	31	12	22														
14—39—40.	7	7	54	25	39	9	24														
15—40—41.	8	7	53	21	42	5	26														
16—41—42.	8	8	66	24	50	6	36														
17—42—43.	6	1	75	33	65	20	46														
18—43—44.	4	3	91	36	87	21	33														
19—44—45.	3	7	99	46	95	20	55														
20—45—46.	6	6	103	51	98	25	67														
21—46—47.	6	8	95	59	92	25	77														
22—47—48.	7	9	102	52	101	21	80														
23—48—49.	7	7	94	51	110	25	73														
24—49—50.	6	9	97	50	114	33	74														
25—50—51.	6	6	93	59	119	29	80														
26—51—52.	5	6	93	63	117	29	77														
27—52—53.	5	6	96	58	118	30	80														
28—53—54.	3	6	110	43	105	29	76														
29—54—55.	4	1	101	35	102	24	77														
30—55—56.	2	1	80	36	93	21	72														
31—56—57.	1	1	76	33	88	16	68														
32—57—58.	...	1	76	38	82	5	65														
33—58—59.	1	77	29	93	...	65	102														
34—59—60.	2	79	29	100	68	108	115														
35—60—61.	3	75	21	80	2	71	100														
36—61—62.	6	54	15	83	2	59	82														
37—62—63.	...	38	5	83	2	62	76														
38—63—64.	...	38	5	94	2	62	73														
39—64—65.	...	37	7	95	4	70	68														
40—65—66.	2	33	7	78	19	67	72														
41—66—67.	2	38	7	78	25	71	71														
42—67—68.	1	43	5	86	31	73	64														
43—68—69.	1	40	7	86	32	85	68														
44—69—70.	1	34	9	72	36	77	76														
45—70—71.	1	30	10	71	42	67	77														
46—71—72.	2	32	10	66	40	69	77														
47—72—73.	1	30	9	59	35	78	70														
48—73—74.	2	37	5	53	35	85	60														
49—74—75.	1	39	6	51	33	78	67														
50—75—76.	1	27	10	54	28	76	72														
51—76—77.	1	21	8	45	30	85	69														
52—77—78.	2	26	8	44	32	85	66														
53—78—79.	2	1	23	7	43	28	75														
54—79—80.	1	25	7	55	21	87	59														
55—80—81.	...	1	21	8	48	30	95														
56—81—82.	1	26	8	44	27	93	57														
57—82—83.	1	33	9	45	36	112	57														
58—83—84.	2	41	13	51	45	130	51														
59—84—85.	2	39	13	60	52	135	64														
60—85—86.	2	43	9	54	54	126	46														
61—86—87.	3	38	8	60	54	123	56														
62—87—88.	3	47	11	60	48	131	72														
63—88—89.	2	43	25	63	56	148	83														
64—89—90.	2	46	31	68	56	149	80														
65—90—91.	2	2	49	40	62	124	87														
66—91—92.	1	4	36	76	64	126	100														
67—92—93.	2	4	44	26	86	58	91														
68—93—94.	4	47	34	79	46	119	82														
69—94—95.	3	44	29	75	47	136	87														
70—95—96.	2	47	30	154	54	88	84														
71—96—97.	4	48	33	138	51	76	87														

4. In the Table will be seen the progress which has been made year by year, in the newer States of the West, as they have severally come into being, and presented fields of peculiar promise for missionary culture. When this Society was formed, Indiana and Illinois were in their infancy, Michigan was, at that time and for ten years subsequent, a Territory; in 1825 it had but one Presbyterian or Congregational minister, and he was a missionary. Wisconsin remained, eight years after the organization of this Society, the almost undisputed home of the Indian. Iowa was not organized as a Territory till 1838. Oregon was reached by our first missionary there in the summer of 1848, after a voyage of many months by way of the Sandwich Islands. Our first missionaries to California sailed from New York in December, 1848. Our first missionary to Minnesota commenced his labors at St. Paul in July, 1849.

5. It should be borne in mind that the number of missionaries in these newer States and Territories, as well as those that have been longer cultivated, gives but an imperfect idea of the ground that has been occupied by missionary enterprise. Churches, every year, become independent, and others are taken up in their stead.

DISTRIBUTION OF MISSIONARIES BY SECTIONS

The following Table gives the number of missionaries, each year of the Society's operations, the geographical divisions of *Eastern, Middle, Southern, and Western States*; and also in *Canada*.

Society's Year, beginning 1826.	New England States.	Middle States.	Southern and Southwestern States.	Western States and Territories.	Canada.	Total.
1—26-'27	1	120	5	33	1	169
2—27-'28	5	130	9	56	1	201
3—28-'29	72	127	23	80	2	304
4—29-'30	107	147	13	122	3	392
5—30-'31	144	160	12	145	8	403
6—31-'32	163	169	10	166	1	509
7—32-'33	239	170	9	185	3	606
8—33-'34	287	201	13	160	6	676
9—34-'35	289	216	18	187	9	719
10—35-'36	319	219	11	191	15	755
11—36-'37	331	227	11	195	22	786
12—37-'38	288	198	8	166	24	684
13—38-'39	284	198	9	160	14	605
14—39-'40	290	205	6	167	12	680
15—40-'41	292	215	5	160	9	600
16—41-'42	305	249	5	222	10	701
17—42-'43	288	253	7	201	9	848
18—43-'44	268	257	10	305	7	907
19—44-'45	285	249	6	397	6	943
20—45-'46	274	271	9	417	..	971
21—46-'47	275	254	10	433	..	972
22—47-'48	295	237	18	456	..	1,006
23—48-'49	302	239	15	463	..	1,010
24—49-'50	301	228	15	488	..	1,032
25—50-'51	311	224	15	515	..	1,055
26—51-'52	305	213	14	530	..	1,065
27—52-'53	313	215	12	547	..	1,087
28—53-'54	292	214	11	530	..	1,047
29—54-'55	278	207	10	537	..	1,032
30—55-'56	276	198	8	504	..	986
31—56-'57	271	191	6	506	..	974
32—57-'58	291	197	3	521	..	1,012
33—58-'59	319	201	..	534	..	1,054
34—59-'60	327	199	..	581	..	1,107
35—60-'61	308	181	..	573	..	1,062
36—61-'62	295	87	..	481	..	863
37—62-'63	281	48	..	405	..	734
38—63-'64	289	44	..	423	..	756
39—64-'65	293	58	..	451	..	802
40—65-'66	283	64	4	467	..	818
41—66-'67	284	66	5	491	..	846
42—67-'68	307	73	7	521	..	908
43—68-'69	327	73	8	564	..	972
44—69-'70	311	71	6	556	..	944
45—70-'71	296	69	5	570	..	940
46—71-'72	308	63	3	588	..	961
47—72-'73	312	49	3	587	..	951
48—73-'74	310	58	7	594	..	969
49—74-'75	292	67	7	586	..	952
50—75-'76	304	72	8	595	..	979
51—76-'77	303	70	6	617	..	996
52—77-'78	316	70	6	604	..	996
53—78-'79	312	57	10	567	..	946
54—79-'80	327	57	9	622	..	1,015
55—80-'81	321	62	9	640	..	1,032
56—81-'82	328	56	17	669	..	1,070
57—82-'83	326	68	61	695	..	1,150
58—83-'84	334	77	63	868	..	1,342
59—84-'85	349	93	123	882	..	1,447
60—85-'86	308	99	134	868	..	1,469
61—86-'87	375	103	143	950	..	1,571
62—87-'88	387	110	144	979	..	1,680
63—88-'89	414	109	127	1,109	..	1,759
64—89-'90	441	121	150	1,167	..	1,879
65—90-'91	446	141	186	1,193	..	1,966
66—91-'92	437	151	196	1,202	..	1,986
67—92-'93	437	153	203	1,209	..	2,002
68—93-'94	458	167	230	1,174	..	2,089
69—94-'95	484	154	220	1,167	..	2,025
70—95-'96	456	151	229	1,227	..	2,063
71—96-'97	454	139	234	1,226	..	2,053

GENERAL COMPARATIVE RESULTS

Society's Year, beginning 1826.	Receipts.	Expenditures.	No. of Missionaries.	Not in Commission the preceding year.	No. of Congregations and Missionary Districts.	Years of Labor.	Additions to Churches.	Sunday-schools and Bible-classes.	Average Expense for a Year's Labor.	Average Expense for a Missionary.
1—'26-'27	\$18,140 76	\$13,984 17	169	68	196	110	not rep.	not rep.	127	38
2—'27-'28	20,035 78	17,849 22	201	89	244	133	1,000	306	134	89
3—'28-'29	26,097 31	26,814 96	304	160	401	186	1,678	423	144	88
4—'29-'30	33,029 44	42,429 50	392	166	500	274	1,959	572	155	108
5—'30-'31	48,124 73	47,247 60	463	164	577	294	2,523	700	160	102
6—'31-'32	49,422 12	52,808 39	509	158	745	361	6,126	783	146	104
7—'32-'33	68,027 17	60,277 90	606	209	801	417	4,484	1,148	159	109
8—'33-'34	78,911 44	80,015 76	676	200	899	463	2,736	Pupils.	172	118
9—'34-'35	88,863 22	83,394 28	719	204	1,050	490	3,300	53,000	170	116
10—'35-'36	101,505 15	92,188 94	755	249	1,000	545	3,750	65,000	169	122
11—'36-'37	85,701 59	90,529 72	786	232	1,025	554	3,752	80,000	180	123
12—'37-'38	86,528 45	85,056 20	684	123	840	438	3,376	67,000	194	124
13—'38-'39	82,504 63	82,655 64	605	201	794	473	3,920	58,500	175	124
14—'39-'40	78,345 20	83,353 89	680	194	842	486	4,750	68,000	162	115
15—'40-'41	85,413 34	84,804 06	690	178	862	501	4,018	54,100	169	123
16—'41-'42	92,463 64	94,300 14	701	248	987	594	5,514	64,300	159	119
17—'42-'43	99,812 84	98,215 11	848	225	1,047	657	8,223	68,400	149	116
18—'43-'44	101,904 99	104,276 47	907	237	1,245	665	7,693	60,300	157	115
19—'44-'45	121,946 28	118,360 12	943	209	1,285	736	4,929	60,000	160	126
20—'45-'46	125,124 70	126,193 15	971	223	1,453	760	5,311	76,700	166	130
21—'46-'47	116,717 94	119,710 40	972	189	1,470	713	4,400	73,000	167	123
22—'47-'48	140,197 10	139,233 34	1,006	205	1,447	773	5,020	77,000	180	138
23—'48-'49	145,925 91	143,771 67	1,019	192	1,510	808	5,550	83,500	178	141
24—'49-'50	157,160 78	145,456 99	1,032	205	1,575	812	6,688	75,000	179	141
25—'50-'51	150,040 25	183,817 90	1,065	211	1,820	853	6,578	70,000	180	144
26—'51-'52	160,062 25	162,831 14	1,065	204	1,948	862	6,820	66,500	189	153
27—'52-'53	171,734 24	174,439 24	1,087	213	2,160	878	6,079	72,500	199	160
28—'53-'54	191,209 07	194,025 70	1,047	167	2,140	870	6,055	95,100	212	176
29—'54-'55	180,136 69	177,717 34	1,032	180	2,124	815	5,634	94,800	218	171
30—'55-'56	193,548 37	186,611 02	986	187	1,965	775	5,005	60,000	241	189
31—'56-'57	178,060 68	180,550 44	974	201	1,985	780	5,550	62,500	231	185
32—'57-'58	175,971 37	190,735 70	1,012	242	2,034	795	6,784	65,500	240	188
33—'58-'59	188,139 39	187,034 41	1,054	250	2,125	810	8,791	67,300	231	178
34—'59-'60	185,266 17	192,737 69	1,071	260	2,175	868	6,287	72,200	222	174
35—'60-'61	183,701 80	183,702 70	1,002	212	2,025	835	5,000	70,000	220	173
36—'61-'62	163,852 51	158,333 30	863	153	1,668	612	4,207	60,300	259	183
37—'62-'63	164,884 29	133,843 39	734	155	1,455	562	3,108	54,000	240	184
38—'63-'64	195,537 89	149,325 58	756	176	1,518	603	3,902	55,200	248	198
39—'64-'65	186,807 50	180,905 39	802	199	1,575	635	3,820	58,600	299	237
40—'65-'66	221,191 85	208,818 18	818	186	1,594	643	3,924	61,200	325	255
41—'66-'67	224,507 63	227,963 97	846	208	1,645	655	5,959	64,000	348	269
42—'67-'68	217,577 25	254,065 65	908	250	1,710	702	6,214	66,300	304	282
43—'68-'69	244,390 96	274,932 55	972	246	1,956	734	6,470	75,300	374	283
44—'69-'70	283,101 87	270,927 58	944	246	1,836	693	6,404	75,750	390	287
45—'70-'71	247,507 26	263,617 19	940	227	1,957	716	5,833	71,500	368	280
46—'71—'72	294,566 86	281,182 50	961	236	2,011	762	6,358	76,500	369	293
47—'72-'73	267,601 42	287,830 24	951	217	2,145	714	5,725	74,000	391	293
48—'73-'74	290,120 34	287,662 92	909	241	2,195	726	5,421	74,700	395	297
49—'74-'75	308,896 82	260,789 65	952	214	2,123	701	6,361	80,750	423	311
50—'75-'76	310,027 62	309,871 84	979	240	2,274	734	7,836	85,370	422	317
51—'76-'77	293,712 62	310,604 11	996	234	2,190	727	8,065	86,300	442	312
52—'77-'78	284,486 44	284,540 71	996	200	2,237	739	7,578	91,762	385	286
53—'78-'79	273,091 53	260,330 29	946	199	2,126	710	5,232	87,573	367	275
54—'79-'80	266,720 41	259,709 86	1,015	256	2,108	761	5,598	66,724	341	256
55—'80-'81	290,953 72	284,414 22	1,032	255	2,053	783	5,922	99,898	363	276
56—'81-'82	340,778 47	339,795 04	1,070	202	2,508	799	6,033	104,308	425	318
57—'82-'83	370,981 56	345,105 80	1,150	301	2,059	817	6,527	106,638	433	308
58—'83-'84	385,004 10	419,449 45	1,342	401	2,930	962	7,907	116,314	430	312
59—'84-'85	451,707 66	460,722 83	1,447	380	2,990	1,017	8,734	118,000	453	318
60—'85-'86	524,544 93	489,700 16	1,409	372	3,005	1,058	9,050	120,000	471	324
61—'86-'87	482,079 60	507,988 79	1,571	302	3,063	1,117	10,031	129,350	454	312
62—'87-'88	548,729 87	511,641 86	1,620	361	3,084	1,173	10,012	129,402	436	316
63—'88-'89	342,251 00	367,949 11	1,759	476	3,155	1,249	10,326	134,395	478	340
64—'89-'90	671,171 39	603,978 31	1,879	452	3,251	1,294	10,650	141,975	467	322
65—'90-'91	635,180 45	671,297 23	1,966	496	3,270	1,318	11,320	154,722	509	341
66—'91-'92	662,789 28	686,395 01	1,386	441	3,189	1,366	9,744	159,206	505	346
67—'92-'93	738,081 29	689,046 12	2,002	464	3,841	1,391	11,232	159,300	494	343
68—'93-'94	621,608 56	701,441 16	2,010	547	3,930	1,437	12,784	164,950	488	349
69—'94-'95	627,699 14	688,093 59	1,997	655	4,104	1,439	13,040	180,813	472	340
70—'95-'96	777,747 95	669,855 36	2,038	693	4,110	1,509	12,138	186,343	464	343
71—'96-'97	588,318 52	651,491 11	2,026	411	3,091	1,477	11,796	172,784	441	322

1. The total receipts for the sixty-nine years is \$17,373,571.21.

2. The total number of years of labor is 54,713.

3. The whole number of additions to the churches is 459,015.

4. The average expenditure for a year of missionary labor includes the entire cost to the Society of obtaining the missionary, defraying his expense to his field, and sustaining him on it, as well as the average proportion of all the expenses in conducting the institution.

5. The amount paid bank on loan account not included in expenditures.

LIST OF MISSIONARIES

SERVING IN CONNECTION WITH THE CONGREGATIONAL HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY
AND ITS AUXILIARIES WITHIN THE YEAR BEGINNING APRIL 1, 1896, AND CLOSING
MARCH 31, 1897.

THE PLACE IN ITALICS IS USUALLY THE MISSIONARY'S POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.

The names of Missionaries not in Commission in the Seventieth Year are printed in italics.

Abercrombie, R. H., West Newbury, Vt.
Ablett, John C., Tomahawk, Wis.
Abrahamson, Abraham, Norwich, Conn.
Adams, Clinton B., Philadelphia, Pa.
Adams, Daniel E., *Petersham* and Phillips-ton, Mass.
Adams, Edwin A., Chicago, Ill.
Adams, F. D., Big Rock, Iowa.
Adams, Hubert G., *Garretson* and Valley Springs, So. Dak.
Adams, J. E., Veazie, Me.
Adams, J. R., Bevier, Mo.
Adams, Margaret, Rogers, Ark.
Adams, W. C., *Vassalboro* and Riverside, Me.
Aikins, J. E., North Windom, Me.
Akeson, Ludwig, Dover, N. J.
Albert, J. H., Hibbing, Minn.
Alger, Frank G., Blackstone, Mass.
Allen, E. B., Lansing, Mich.
Allen, Jesse F., (Detroit), Sulligent, Ala.
Aller, N. S., Bridgewater, N. Y.
Alley, Ghym, Ontario, Ore.
Alling, Horatio, Whatcom, Wash.
Allison, A. J., Old Mission, Mich.
Almstrom, Jonas M., Minneapolis, Minn.
Alvord, Augustus, Barkhamsted, Conn.
Anderson, C. A., —, Mass.
Anderson, Charles, Big Horn, Wyo.
Anderson, C. J., Rutland Center and Proctor, Vt.
Anderson, D. R., Eau Claire, Wis.
Anderson, Emil A., Winona, Minn.
Anderson, Gustave, (Russell), Ham Lake, Minn.
Anderson, G. S. K., Somerville Highlands, Mass.
Anderson, James A., West Peabody, Mass.
Anderson, W. S., Surry, N. H.
Andress, John H., Long Pine, Neb.
Andrew, R. E., Brandon, N. Y.
Andrews, C. E., *Deering* and South Portland, Me.
Andrews, Samuel B., Granville (West) and Tolland, Mass.
Andrews, Stephen M., Windsor, Mass.
Andrewson, Andrew J., Maple Valley, Wis.
Andrewson, Severt M., Cooperstown, No. Dak.
Andrus, J. C., Brooklyn, N. Y.
Appelman, Hiram H., Sauk Rapids and Cable, Minn.
Appleton, F. G., Granby, Vt.
Aprahamian, S. A., Deer Isle, Me.
Archer, William C., Julesburg, Colo.
Armitage, Durand E., Badger, *Hetland*, and Spring Lake, So. Dak.
Armstrong, Arthur H., Chicago, Ill.
Armstrong, Julius C., Chicago, Ill.
Arn, A. J., New Lisbon, Wis.
Arnelt, Samuel G., St. Paul, Minn.
Arnelt, Samuel I., Aurora, Mo.
Arney, James E., Pana, Ill.
Arnold, Arthur E., Avon, Ill.
Arnold, S. A., Franklin, Iowa.
Arnold, William A., Toledo, Knab and Cowlitz Bend, Wash.
Roy, Hart's Lake, and Yelm, Wash.
Asadoorian, A. M., Summer Hill, N. Y.
Atcheson, William H., *Bloomer* and Cleveland, Wis.
Atherton, D. F., Oldtown, Me.
Atherton, Isaac W., (*Helix*), Spring Valley, Jamul and Lemmon Grove, Cal.
Atkinson, William H., (*Forrest Grove, Ore.*), Lake Park and Hillhurst, Wash.
Atwood, Charles, Volney, N. Y.
Austin, Henry H., (*Big Horn*), Buffalo, Wyo.
Austin, Moses, Brooklyn, N. Y.
Avery, Holly H., Steele City, Neb.
Ayers, Alfred W., Omaha, Neb.
Ayres, Andrew F., West Indianapolis, Ind.
Babb, John W., Birnamwood and Norrie, Wis.
Backus, Jabez, Palm Beach, Fla.
Bagnall, F., Sault Ste Marie, Mich.
Bair, William R., *Dunlap*, Sunnyside and Big John, Kan.
Baker, A. A., Fairfax, Iowa.

Baker, F. H., *Vassalboro* and *Riverside*, Me.
 Lincoln, Me.
 Baker, George, *Washougal* and *Mt. Pleasant*, Wash.
 Baker, O. G., *Ferrisburgh*, Vt.
 Baker, William H., *Portsmouth*, Ohio.
 Ball, Albert H., *Anderson*, Ind.
 Banham, Henry E., *Fresno*, Cal.
 Barber, Jerome M., *Wilsonville*, Sherwood, *Butterville* and *Cham poeg*, Ore.
 Barber, Leman N., *Turlock*, Cal.
Barbour, Miss Mary L., *Montgomery Center*, Vt.
 Weathersfield Center, Vt.
 Barker, Thomas, *Hillsboro*, Wis.
 Barnard, Isaac D., *Altoona* and *Village Creek*, Kan.
 Barnes, Albert E., *Fertile* and *Maple Bay*, Minn.
 Barnes, Mrs. A. S., *Castle*, Mont.
 Barnett, J. H., *Ashville* and *Lakewood*, N. Y.
 Barrett, J. M., *Shell Rock*, Iowa.
 Barrie, N. C., —, Mass.
 Barteau, Sidney H., (*Lake Charles*), Iowa, La.
 Bartlett, Alfred H., *Stockville*, Neb.
 Bartlett, Dana W., *Los Angeles*, Cal.
 Salt Lake City and Sandy, Utah.
 Bartley, W. T., *Isle au Haut*, Me.
 Barton, R. J., *Leicester*, Vt.
 Baskerville, Mark, *Tekoa* and *Farmington*, Wash.
 Bascom, George S., *Hankinson*, Geneseo and *Dexter*, No. Dak.
 Bassett, F. H., *Kalkaska*, *Excelsior* and *Westwood*, Mich.
Bates, Charles S., *Hanson*, Mass.
 Bates, John M., *Wakonda*, So. Dak.
 Battey, George J., *Harbine* and *Plymouth*, Neb.
 Bauman, Gustave, *Butte* and *Naper*, Neb. (*Fairfax* and *Gregory County*, So. Dak.).
 Baumann, Henry, *Hosmer*, *Immanuel*, *Hoffnungsfeld*, *South Kassel* and *Salem*, So. Dak.
 Baumgardner, B. C., *Chicago*, Ill.
 Beadenkoff, Thomas M., *Baltimore*, Md.
Beadle, H. A., *West Gouldsboro*, Me.
 Beales, Charles E., *Boston*, Mass.
 Beard, J. R., *Ottumwa*, Iowa.
 Beard, William H., *South Killingly*, Conn.
Beard, William S., *South Killingly*, Conn.
Beardsley, F. G., *Jewell* and *Lincoln*, Iowa.
 Beauchamp, Jethro M., *Forrest Grove*, *Gaston*, *Hillside* and *Greenville*, Ore. (*Salem*), *Willard*, Ore.
 Bechtel, Philip, *Tyndall* and *Emanuel*, *Woonsocket*, *Tabor*, *Immanuel* and *Viola*, So. Dak.
 Becker, James A., *Spearfish* and *Keystone*, So. Dak.
 Beckwith, George A., *Granville Center*, Mass.
 Beddoes, A. E., *Chicago*, Ill.
Beebe, J. R., *Sanborn*, *Odell* and *Eckelson*, No. Dak.
Beede, Aaron, (*Redfield*), *Ashton*, *Athel*, *La Prairie* and *Clyde*, So. Dak.
Been, Franklin K., *Freetown*, Mass.
Bell, Isaac W., *Prattville*, Mich.
Roscommon, Mich.
Belsey, George W., *Toledo*, Ohio.
Belt, S. D., *Ellensburg*, Wash.
Santa Monica, Cal.
Beman, Albert M., *Aurora*, Mo.
Benford, George, *Standish* and *Deep River*, Mich.
Bennett, Albert L., *Denver*, Colo.
Bennett, D. E., *Mulliken*, Mich.
Bennett, R. C., *Mount Zion* and *Platteville*, Wis.
Bennett, W. R., *Chicago*, Ill.
Bente, Christopher H., *St. Louis*, Mo.
Beran, John, *La Crosse*, Wis.
Berry, Ed. A., *Chattanooga*, Tenn.
Berry, J. H., *Northfield*, Me.
Bessey, William N., *St. Louis*, Mo.
Best, J., *North Waterboro*, Me.
Bickford, Warren F., *Islington*, Mass.
Bicknell, Dennis H., (*Houghton*), *Kirkland*, Wash.
Biegert, John G., *Seattle*, Wash.
Bigelow, Frank E., *East Chicago*, Ind.
Biggers, Lorenzo J., (*Troy*), *Perote* and *Phoenix City*, Ala.
Catalpa, Ala.
Billings, Miss A. C., *Plymouth*, Vt.
East Arlington, Vt.
Londonderry, Vt.
Leicester, Vt.
Billings, Charles S., *Los Angeles*, Cal.
Billings, E. N., *Tarkilu* and *Smithfield*, R. I.
Billour, Alberto, *Spring Valley*, Ill.
Bing, Julius, *Britt*, Iowa.
Bingham, Charles M., *Daytona* and *Port Orange*, Fla.
Bingham, James A., *Hennessey*, Turkey Creek and *Vernon*, Okla. Ter.
Bird, Martin B., *Brainerd*, Minn.
Birlew, Gordon E., *San Rafael* and *Los Ranchos de Atrisco*, New Mex.
Bishop, Albert W., *Parsons*, Kan.
Bissell, Frank A., *National City*, Cal.
Bixby, W. S., *Powhattan*, *Comet* and *Netawaka*, Kan.
Bjorklund, Ernest V., *Mankato*, Kasota and *Mazeppa*, Minn.
Bjorkman, L. W. A., —, Conn.
Bjuge, Carl B., *Minneapolis*, Minn.
Chicago, Ill.,
Blackburn, John F., *Fort Valley* and *Americus*, Ga.
Blake, E. T., *Charlestown*, N. H.

Blakeslee, Allen D., *Denver* and *Montrose*, Colo.
 Blakeslee, N. T., Milwaukee, Wis.
 Blanchard, Edgar L., Warwick, Mass.
 Blankenship, Jeff D., (*Wrights*), De Funik Springs, Fla.
 Blanks, J. Lee, (*Oberlin*, O.), Oacoma, So. Dak.
 South Shore, Troy, and *Mazeppa*, So. Dak.
 Blish, W. H., Pawnee, Okla. Ter.
 Bliss, George C., Rutland, N. Y.
 Bliss, George E., Plainfield, Mass.
 Bliss, Daniel J., Lebanon, Conn.
 Bliss, John, Oneka, Mich.
 Block, John, Chicago, Ill.
 Bloom, K. J., Westley, Iowa.
 Bloomquist, C. F., Fosston, Minn.
 Bockoven, W. A., *Thompsonville* and Co-pemish, Mich.
 Bodwell, J. C., East Burke, Vt.
 Bolin, Nels J., Cleveland, Ohio.
 Boller, B. F., Chicago, Ill.
 Bollinger, Edward S., Astoria, Ore.
 Bolster, F. E., Sangerville, Me.
 Bolt, Nicholas, Chicago, Ill.
 Bolton, James, (*Cocoanut Grove*), Miami, Fla.
 Bohn, John J., (*Lake Grove*), New Village and Farmingville, N. Y.
 Booth, Edwin, Clear Lake, Wis.
 Bormose, Niels N., Philadelphia, Pa.
 Borton, Carl D., Villa Ridge, Ullin, Beechwood, Meridian, and Valley Recluse, Ill.
 Bosworth, William A., Wichita, Kan.
 Bouteiller, Albert, Pittsfield, Mass.
 Bowden, Henry M., Braddock, Pa.
 Bowman, John E., Goshen, Mass.
 Boy, Lars G., Washington, Conn.
 Braeden, F. C., North Buxton, Me.
 Bradford Benjamin F., (*Upper Montclair*), Cedar Grove, N. J.
 Brady, Alexander, Rickreall, Ore.
 Branan, Seborn R., Echo, Ala.
 Brandt, Felix G., Lowell, Mass.
 Brant, W. L., *Door* and *Alvord*, Iowa.
 Brearley, William H., Wahoo, Neb.
 Breck, Aaron, Strong City, Kan.
 Breck, C. A., Strong, Me.
 Breckenridge, D. M., *Ormond*, Mt. Dora and Tangerine, Fla.
 Breining, H. R., Fairlee, Vt.
 Thetford, Vt.
 Breish, Samuel R., Dawson, Minn.
 Brennecke, Fritz, Minden, Iowa.
Guide Rock, Superior and Beaver Creek, Neb.
 Brereton, John, Grandin, Mo.
 Brewer, William F., *Atlanta* and *Braeden*, Ga.
 Bridgman, F. B., Spring Valley, Wis.
 Brier, John W., Antioch, Cal.
 Briggs, W. A., Hudsonville, Mich.
 Bright, D. F., *Trenton* and *Rosefield*, Neb.
 Taylor, Neb.
 Brink, Lee A., West Superior, Wis.
Gettysburgh, So. Dak.
 Bowdle and Spring Lake, So. Dak.
 Brintnall, Lorin W., Ahtanum, Wash.
 Brokaw, Miss M. A., Brookfield, Vt.
 Burke, Vt.
 Montgomery Center, Vt.
 Weathersfield Center, Vt.
 West Rochester, Vt.
 Brokenshire, J. J., Chicago, Ill.
 Brooks, Edward L., Fort Recovery, Ohio.
 Brooks, Hans A., (*Dunbar*), North Cran-don, Wis.
 Brooks, Raymond C., Eugene, Ore.
 Brotherton, Howard, *Bay Mills*, Allenville and Superior, Mich.
 Brotherton, J. Howard, Worthing, So. Dak.
 Brower, Asher A., Wichita, Kan.
 Brown, Aurelian L., Dayton, Wyo.
 Brown, Daniel M., Cobden, Ill.
 Brown, Frank J., *Aitken* and *Mud Lake*, Minn.
 Brown, George E., *Wheeler* and *Bartholdi*, So. Dak.
 Brown, Henry M., New York City, N. Y.
 Brown, J. L., Kellogg, Iowa.
 Brown, James M., Wheatland, Wyo.
 Brown, John F., Needles, Cal.
 Brown, Robert P., *Arapahoe*, Independ-ence and Seven Oaks, Okla. Ter.
 Brown, Willard D., Interlachen, Fla.
 Browne, Donald, Boston, Mass.
 Brownville, John W., Ewing, Mass.
 Bruce, C. R., Plankinton, So. Dak.
 Brue, James, (*Ruston*), Long Straw, La.
 Brunker, Thomas A., *Wakita*, Manchester and Stella, Okla. Ter.
 Brusk, John R., —, Ill.
 Bryant, J. W., *Keno*, Lake View, Langelle Valley, Bonanza, Pine Grove and Circuit, Ore.
 Bryant, Seelye, Scituate, Mass.
 Buck, Eugen L., *Cortez* and *Arriola*, Colo.
 Buck, George J., *Havelock*, Neb.
 Springfield and Selma, Minn.
 Buell, Lewin F., Mount Vernon, N. Y.
 Bull, D. W., *De Ruyter* and *Lincklaen*, N. Y.
 Union Valley, N. Y.
 Bumpus, J. C., Sherman, Me.
 Bumstead, Miss M. G., *Highland Lake*, Colo.
 Bunnell, John J., Ft. Payne, Ala.
 Burdett, Miss Ella, Roxbury, Vt.
 Burgess, Hubert F., Auburn, Cal.
 Burhans, P. C., Oklahoma City, Okla. Ter.
 Burkholder, Abraham H., Eustice, Neb.
 Burleigh, B. W., Mitchell, So. Dak.
 Burr, Enoch F., Lyme, Conn.
 Burr, Horace M., (*Ferndale*), West Fern-dale, Wash.

Burr, Richard M., Lyme, Conn.
 Burr, William N., Perris, Cal.
 Burroughs, C. F., North Edgecomb, Me.
 Burroughs, C. H., Columbus, N. Y.
 Burroughs, W. A., Kendall, Mich.
 Bursk, Nettie C., —, Ill.
 Burt, C. W., Lakeview, Mich.
 Burton, C. E., Chicago, Ill.
 Busby, Joseph L., *Clanton* and So. Calera, Ala.
 Bush, A. S., —, Kan.
 Bush, F. W., Port Huron, Mich.
 Bushee, W. A., Northwood, N. H.
 Bushell, Jonas, Leavenworth, Wash.
 Bushell, Richard, *Marysville* and Edison, Wash.
 Bushnell, Campbell W., *Rosalie* and *Oakesdale*, Wash.
 Butler, Elmer W., Melbourne, Fla.
 Butler, Frank C., Seattle, Edmonda and Richmond, Wash.
 St. John and Endicott, Wash.
 Butler, James E., *Beecher* and *Goodenow*, Ill.
 Butler, Thomas W., Vancouver, Wash.
 Butler, William, *Byron* and *Bethany*, Cal.
 Lincoln, Cal.
 Buttram, Elijah A., *Potolo* and *Caryville*, Fla.
 Buxton, Wilson R., *Acton* (South), Mass.
 Buyundurian, H., New York City, N. Y.
 Byles, Louisa B., Omaha, Neb.
 Caldwell, Asbury, West Palm Beach, Fla.
 Cameron, A. J., *Jamaica* and *West Townshend*, Vt.
 Westmore, Vt.
 Cameron, M. J., *Gays Mills*, Lynxville and Seneca, Wis.
 Camfield, Lewis E., *(Burnside)*, Ward Academy, Colvin and Kirkwood, So. Dak.
 Campbell, Andrew, Deerfield, Mass.
 Carlson, Carl E., Portland, Conn.
 Carroll, W. Irving, Dallas, Tex.
 Carter, Elijah, Edgerton, Minn.
 Carter, William C., Powersville, Ga.
 Cartledge, Henry, *Lantana* and *Linton*, Fla.
 Cater, William J., Roscoe, N. Y.
 Chakurian, Enoch E., Loomis, Cal.
 Chamberlain, H. W., Chicago, Ill.
 Chambers, Alexander, Prentice, Wis.
 Champlin, Oliver P., Oberon, No. Dak.
 Chapin, Charles H., Paynesville, Minn.
 Chapin, F. P., Hudson, N. H.
 Chapin, Miss S. A., South Wallingford, Vt.
 Chapin, S. W., Woolwich, Me.
 Chase, C. Thurston, Liberty, Wis.
 Chase, J. B., Correctionville, Iowa.
 Chase, Loring B., *Packardville* and *Pelham*, Mass.
 Chase, S. B., *Delta*, Lansing and Millett, Mich.
 Chatfield, George A., *Lafayette* and *Coal Creek*, Colo.
 Cheadle, Stephen, San Juan, Cal.
 Cheeseman, T. W. C., *(Seward, Neb.)*, Spearfish, So. Dak.
 Cherrington, Reed B., *Almira*, Wash.
 Cherrington, F. B., Spokane, Wash.
 Chevis, Ernest C., *Clear Lake*, Wis.
Lake Park and *Audubon*, Minn.
 Chew, James, Thayer, Mo.
 Childress, John F., *Hillsboro* and *Brush Creek*, Ill.
 Childs, Edward P., Ashland, Ore.
 Childs, Lucas S., *Seward*, Oak Ridge and Brighton, Okla. Ter.
 Chittenden, Andrew H., *Metropolis* and *Massac*, Ill.
 Choate, Charles W., Dayton, Ohio.
 Christian, William C. D., *(Atlanta)*, Clara, Ga.
 Christiansen, Christian, *Danway*, Seneca, Lisbon, Marseilles, Rutland and Wauponsie, Ill.
 Christy, Dennis H., Albion, Penn.
 Churchill, George W., Perkins, Okla. Ter.
 Chute, Edward L., Ware, Mass.
 Cibula, Jan, Johnstown, Pa.
Braddock, Pa.
 Cinyburg, Miss Clara, Cleveland, Ohio.
 Clancy, Nathan B., *(Carryville)*, Bonifay, Fla.
 Clark, Allen, *Agency* and *Gospel Ridge*, Iowa.
Gospel Ridge, Iowa.
 Clark, Edson L., Peru, Mass.
 Clark, M. N., *Walworth*, Fontana and Williams Bay, Wis.
 Clark, Orville C., *Missoula* and Bonner, Mont.
 Clark, Virtue F., Holdredge, Neb.
 Clark, William D., Centralia, Ill.
Springfield, Ill.
 Clarke, Almon T., *Shelby*, Ala.
 Clarke, Samuel W., *Barnstable* (West), Mass.
 Clarke, W. R., *Clear Lake*, Wis.
 Clement, A. H., Manchester, N. H.
 Clements, H. J., *Lake Linden*, Mich.
 Cleworth, William C., *Willow Lake* and *Pitrodie*, So. Dak.
 Clifton, Theo., Chicago, Ill.
 Coate, Robert M., Canton, So. Dak.
 Cobleigh, Mrs. Elvira, *Walla Walla*, Wash.
 Coburn, D. E., Casco, Me.
 Cochran, A. B., *Grand Junction* and *Lacota*, Mich.
 Cochran, William, *Big Rapids*, Mich.
 Cokely, Benjamin F., *Galesburg*, Ill.
 Coleman, William H., *Peoria*, Ill.
 Colburn, H. H., *Brentwood*, N. H.
 Collins, Elbert J., *Chillicothe*, Ill.
 Collins, Josephus, *Kingfisher*, Okla. Ter.
 Collom, Joseph Ed., *Littleton*, Colo.

Cole, H. Hammond, *Weaverville*, Lewiston, Douglas City, Hayfork, and Junction City, Cal.

Cole, J. A., Chicago, Ill.

Colp, Donald G., (*New Haven, Conn.*), Kragness and Georgetown, Minn.

Combe, Philip, San Francisco, Cal.

Comin, John, Errol, N. H.

Chamberlain, Oacoma and Pukwana, So. Dak.

Compton, Miss A. D., East Arlington, Vt. Leicester, Vt.

Londonderry, Vt.

Plymouth, Vt.

Compton Herbert E., *Cathay*, Sykeston and Fessenden, No. Dak.

Conard, William J., *Ellsworth*, Kanaranzi and Ash Creek, Minn.

Condo, Samuel S., Marion, Ind.

Cone, James W., *Ocheltree*, Kan.

Ellis, Kan.

Conley, H. W., Red Beach and Robbinston, Me.

Conley, J. B., Springfield, Me.

Connet, Alfred, *Auburn*, Middleton and Whitehorse, Okla. Ter.

Conrad, George A., (*Huron*), Lake Preston and Lake Henry, So. Dak.

Kingsley, Iowa.

Conry, Henry W., (*Kirwin*), Kensington, Kan.

Converse, E. J., Albany, Me.

Cooke, William H., (*Oakland*), —, Cal.

Cookman, Isaac, *Rockefeller*, Diamond Lake and Half Day, Ill.

Cooleedge, C. H., West Newbury, Vt.

Cooley, C. T., Black Creek, N. Y.

Cooley, H. G., Lakeview, Iowa.

Coolidge, Leander, Hemingford, Neb.

Coolidge, H. A., Wilmot, N. H.

Cooper, John H., Santa Ana, Cal.

Coopridge, Wilford E., (*Augusta*), Clio, Okla. Ter.

Corbin, Oliver L., *Douglass* and *Glen Rock*, Wyo.

Corey, E. M., Bellaire, Mich.

Cornwell, C. A., Peoria, Ill.

Cornwell, Stanton A., Cortland, Ohio.

Coté, Thomas G. A., Lowell, Mass.

Cotton, Harry A., *Graceville*, Chokio and Olivet, Minn.

Craigin, Charles C., Sebastopol, Cal.

Craig, T. C., Franconia, N. H.

Cram, Delbert W., Staples, Minn.

Crane, Edward Payson, *Pelican Rapids* and West Dora, Minn.

Crane, J. F., Rapid River, Mich.

Crater, George W., *Carthage*, Redstone and Esmond, So. Dak.

Crawford, Charles D., Kansas City, Mo.

Crawford, Charles H., Baltimore, Md.

Crawford, O. C., Iron River, Wis.

Cressman, Abm. A., Fairmount, Neb.

Cressman, Edmund, *Dodge*, Neb.

Doniphan, West Hamilton and Hastings, Neb.

Cross, Rowland, Monticello, Minn.

Crowson, John R., (*Calera*), Verbena and Clanton, Ala.

Crum, J. H. D. D., (*Kansas City*), Beacon Hill, Mo.

Cudd, Wayman C., (*Hemphill*), Boyce District, La.

Culton, W. E., Peoria, Ill.

Culver, William C., (*Lightwood*), Kingston, Ala.

Cumbus, George W., Columbus, Ga.

Cunningham, John T., Lakeland, Minn.

Randall, Minn.

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Blanchard, Me.

Gibson, John, Washburn, Wis.

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Graham, John, Westport, Mass.

Graham, William H., *The Rock*, Lifsey, Hendricks and Taylor, Ga.

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CHARTER OF THE CONGREGATIONAL HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY

BEING Chapter 21 of the Laws of 1871; Chapter 53 of the Laws of 1891; Chapter 76 of the Laws of 1893, and Chapter 498 of the Laws of 1896, of the State of New York.

CHAPTER 21

AN ACT to incorporate the American Home Missionary Society.

Passed February 6th, 1871.

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Theodore D. Woolsey, William G. Lambert, Christopher R. Robert, Simeon B. Chittenden, Richard S. Storrs, Jr., William I. Budington, Calvin C. Woolworth, Charles Abernethy, John B. Hutchinson, Henry M. Storrs, William Henry Smith, Milton Badger, David B. Coe, A. Huntington Clapp, Austin Abbott and George S. Coe, and all such persons as are now or hereafter may become members of the American Home Missionary Society, formed in the City of New York in the year one thousand eight hundred and twenty-six, are constituted a body corporate by the name of "The American Home Missionary Society," for the purpose of assisting feeble congregations, and of sending the Gospel and the means of Christian education to the destitute, within the United States.

SEC. 2. Said corporation shall be capable of taking and holding, by purchase, gift, grant, devise or bequest, subject to the provisions of law relating to devises and bequests by last will and testament, real and personal property, and of granting or otherwise disposing of the same, for said purpose.

SEC. 3. The net annual income of said society, arising from their real estate, shall not exceed the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars.

SEC. 4. This corporation shall possess the powers and be subject to the provisions of title three, of chapter eighteen of part one of the Revised Statutes, as amended, so far as the same are applicable.

SEC. 5. This act shall take effect immediately.

CHAPTER 53

AN ACT to amend section four of chapter twenty-one of the laws of eighteen hundred and seventy-one, entitled "An act to incorporate the American Home Missionary Society."

Became a law without the approval of the Governor, in accordance with the provisions of article four, section nine of the Constitution, March 19, 1890. Passed, three-fifths being present.

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows :

SECTION 1. Section four of chapter twenty-one of the laws of eighteen hundred and seventy-one, entitled "An act to incorporate The American Home Missionary Society," is hereby amended so as to read as follows :

SEC. 4. This corporation shall possess the powers and be subject to the provisions of title three of chapter eighteen of part one of the Revised Statutes, as amended, so far as the same are applicable, and is hereby authorized to hold its meetings in any state or territory of the United States and in the District of Columbia.

SEC. 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

CHAPTER 76

AN ACT to amend section two of chapter twenty-one of the laws of eighteen hundred and seventy-one, entitled "An act to incorporate the American Home Missionary Society."

Approved by the Governor March 1, 1893. Passed, three-fifths being present.

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows :

SECTION 1. Section two of chapter twenty-one of the laws of eighteen hundred and seventy-one, entitled "An act to incorporate the American Home Missionary Society," is hereby amended so as to read as follows :

SEC. 2. Said corporation shall be capable of taking and holding by purchase, gift, grant, devise, or bequest, real and personal property and of granting or otherwise disposing of the same for said purposes subject to the provisions of chapter three hundred and sixty of the laws of eighteen hundred and sixty, entitled "An act relating to wills," and the acts amendatory thereof.

SEC. 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

CHAPTER 498

AN ACT to change the name of the American Home Missionary Society.

Became a law May 11, 1896, with the approval of the Governor. Passed, a majority being present.

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows :

SECTION 1. The name of The American Home Missionary Society is changed to The Congregational Home Missionary Society, and the order of the supreme court entered in the office of the clerk of the city and county of New York on the fourth day of August, in the year eighteen hundred and ninety-three, directing that such change of name take effect on the first day of October in the year eighteen hundred and ninety-three, is hereby ratified and confirmed.

SEC. 2. This act shall take effect immediately

CONSTITUTION OF THE CONGREGATIONAL HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY

[AS AMENDED TO DATE]

ARTICLE 1.—NAME

This Society shall be called The Congregational Home Missionary Society.

ARTICLE 2.—OBJECT

The object of this Society shall be to assist congregations that are unable to support the gospel ministry, and to send the Gospel and the means of Christian education to the destitute within the United States.

ARTICLE 3.—MEMBERSHIP

The members of this Society shall be annual and life members. Any person chosen as President, Vice-President, Recording Secretary, Assistant Recording Secretary, Treasurer, Corresponding Secretary, Auditor, or Member of the Executive Committee, shall also be an annual member during the term of his service.

(a) *Annual Members.*—Every Auxiliary and other State Home Missionary Society shall have the right to elect each year five persons who shall be known as Annual Members of this Society ; and every Congregational church in the United States annually contributing to the treasury of this Society or to any of its Auxiliaries shall have the right to elect each year two persons who shall be known as Annual Members of this Society.

(b) *Life Members.*—Any person on whose behalf fifty dollars shall be paid into the treasury of this Society or into the treasury of any of its Auxiliaries at one time, accompanied by a request for life membership,

shall be a Life Member. All present Life Members and Life Directors are continued as Life Members.

ARTICLE 4.—OFFICERS

The Officers of this Society shall be a President, ten Vice-Presidents, a Treasurer, an Auditor, one or more Secretaries for Correspondence, a Recording Secretary, and an Executive Committee of fifteen, of whom twelve shall be residents of New York City or vicinity. Neither the Treasurer nor the Secretaries for Correspondence shall be members of the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE 5.—ELECTIONS

The President, Vice-President, Auditor, and Recording Secretary shall be elected by ballot, annually, by the Society at the annual meeting. The Treasurer and as many Secretaries for Correspondence as shall be needed shall be elected annually by the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee shall be arranged in three divisions of five each; one division shall be elected by ballot by the Society each year at the annual meeting, to serve for three years; vacancies existing in any other divisions may also be filled at each annual meeting.

ARTICLE 6.—VOTERS

All Annual Members bringing proper credentials, and Life Members who shall be present and cause their names to be registered upon a roll to be made up at each annual or other meeting of this Society by the Recording Secretary, and no other persons, shall have the right to vote at the annual election, and in annual and other meetings of the Society, upon questions there arising.

ARTICLE 7.—PRESIDENT AND VICE-PRESIDENTS

It shall be the duty of the President to preside at all meetings of the Society. In his absence one of the Vice-Presidents shall preside. In the absence of all of these, any member of the Society, duly chosen, may preside at any meeting of the Society.

ARTICLE 8.—TREASURER

The Treasurer shall receive and have personal charge of all funds from collections, legacies, or other sources which are designed for the current expenses of the Society, and the custody of its trust funds, and shall keep them in such depositories as may be designated by the Executive Committee, and shall disburse the same as the Executive Committee shall direct. He shall give bonds annually for such amount as the Executive Committee shall determine, and shall conduct the correspondence and other business of his office under the general supervision of the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE 9.—AUDITOR

It shall be the duty of the Auditor to examine and certify the correctness of the Treasurer's accounts prior to each annual meeting.

ARTICLE 10.—SECRETARIES FOR CORRESPONDENCE

The Secretaries for Correspondence shall conduct all correspondence relating to the office ; they shall make known by personal presentation, correspondence, and otherwise, to State and local associations and conferences, to churches and individuals, the objects and claims of the Society, and shall have charge and direction of the work of the Society under the general supervision of the Executive Committee ; they shall prepare the yearly report of the Executive Committee for the annual meeting of the Society, and submit the same for adoption by the committee, prior to said meeting.

ARTICLE 11.—RECORDING SECRETARY

The Recording Secretary shall keep a record of all meetings and proceedings of the Society, and at each annual or other meeting of the Society shall make up a roll of persons entitled to vote at such a meeting, as provided in Article 6.

ARTICLE 12.—EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive Committee shall have power to appoint its own meetings ; form its own rules of business ; fill any vacancies in its membership which may occur during the year, until the next annual meeting ; convene special meetings of the Society ; have general supervision of the work of the Society ; appoint missionaries and superintendents, and instruct them

as to the field and manner of their labors. It shall have entire control and management of all moneys, securities, and property of every description belonging to the Society; shall create such agencies as the interests of the Society shall require; shall elect treasurers and secretaries for correspondence as vacancies shall occur, and make an annual report of its proceedings to the Society. Four members of the Executive Committee shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of all business at any meeting regularly convened, but at a meeting for the election of a Treasurer or Corresponding Secretary two-thirds of the Executive Committee must be present.

Any and all real-estate acquired by the Congregational Home Missionary Society, either by gift, devise, or purchase, may be sold by the Executive Committee, pursuant to a resolution therefor adopted at any meeting of said committee regularly convened, at such price and upon such terms as it shall deem proper, and by such form of conveyance as it shall approve. The Treasurer of the Society and the Chairman of the Executive Committee shall make, execute, and deliver to any purchaser or purchasers of such real estate so sold all necessary deeds or other instruments of conveyance thereof; and upon any such sale being made said officers are hereby authorized and empowered to affix the common seal of this Society thereto, and to execute, acknowledge, and deliver the said deeds or other instruments as the free act and deed of this Society.

ARTICLE 13.—AUXILIARIES

Any State Missionary Society may become auxiliary to this Society by paying into the Treasury of this Society its surplus funds, and sending to the Secretaries for Correspondence a copy of its constitution and its annual reports, mentioning the names of its missionaries and the fields of their operations.

ARTICLE 14.—MEETINGS

This Society shall meet annually at such time and place as it shall appoint, or, on failure of such appointment, as the Executive Committee may, with due notice, direct.

ARTICLE 15.—AMENDMENTS

No alteration shall be made in this Constitution without a vote of two-thirds of the members present and voting at an annual meeting; nor unless the same shall have been proposed in writing at a previous annual meeting, or shall be recommended by the Executive Committee.

Census of the United States and Territories, 1890

STATES AND TERRITORIES.	DATE OF ADMISSION.	AREA IN SQ. MILES.	WHITES.	COLORED.	TOTAL.
Alabama.....	December, 1819.....	52,250	883,718	678,489	1,513,017
Arizona.....	.....	113,020	55,580	4,040	59,620
Arkansas.....	June, 1836.....	53,850	818,752	309,117	1,128,179
California.....	September, 1850.....	158,360	1,111,672	96,458	1,208,130
Colorado.....	August, 1876.....	103,925	404,468	7,730	412,198
Connecticut.....	January, 1788.....	4,990	733,438	12,820	746,258
Delaware.....	December, 1787.....	2,050	139,429	29,022	168,493
District of Columbia.....	July, 1790.....	70	154,352	75,927	230,392
Florida.....	March, 1845.....	58,680	224,461	166,678	391,422
Georgia.....	January, 1788.....	59,475	973,462	863,716	1,837,353
Idaho.....	July, 1890.....	84,800	82,018	2,367	84,385
Illinois.....	December, 1818.....	56,650	3,768,472	58,879	3,826,351
Indiana.....	December, 1816.....	36,350	2,140,730	45,668	2,192,404
Indian Territory.....	.....	31,400	Uncertain, owing to legal complications.		179,321
Iowa.....	December, 1846.....	56,025	1,901,086	10,810	1,911,896
Kansas.....	January, 1861.....	82,080	1,374,882	51,251	1,427,096
Kentucky.....	June, 1792.....	40,400	1,585,526	272,981	1,858,635
Louisiana.....	April, 1812.....	48,720	554,712	562,893	1,118,587
Maine.....	March, 1820.....	33,040	659,203	1,823	661,086
Maryland.....	April, 1788.....	12,210	824,149	218,004	1,042,390
Massachusetts.....	February, 1788.....	8,315	2,215,373	23,570	2,238,943
Michigan.....	January, 1837.....	58,915	2,072,884	21,005	2,093,889
Minnesota.....	May, 1858.....	83,365	1,296,159	5,667	1,301,826
Mississippi.....	December, 1817.....	46,810	539,703	747,720	1,289,600
Missouri.....	August, 1821.....	69,415	2,524,468	154,131	2,679,184
Montana.....	November, 1889.....	146,080	127,271	4,888	132,159
Nebraska.....	February, 1867.....	77,510	1,046,888	12,022	1,058,910
Nevada.....	October, 1864.....	110,700	39,084	6,677	45,761
New Hampshire.....	June, 1788.....	9,305	375,840	690	376,530
New Jersey.....	December, 1787.....	7,815	1,396,581	48,352	1,444,933
New Mexico.....	September, 1850.....	122,580	142,719	10,874	153,593
New York.....	July, 1788.....	49,170	5,923,952	75,901	5,997,853
North Carolina.....	November, 1789.....	52,250	1,049,191	567,170	1,617,947
North Dakota.....	November, 1889.....	70,795	182,123	596	182,719
Ohio.....	November, 1802.....	41,060	3,584,805	87,511	3,672,316
Oklahoma.....	May, 1890.....	39,030	58,826	3,008	61,834
Oregon.....	February, 1859.....	96,030	301,758	12,009	313,767
Pennsylvania.....	December, 1787.....	45,215	5,148,257	109,757	5,258,014
Rhode Island.....	May, 1790.....	1,250	337,859	7,647	345,506
South Carolina.....	May, 1788.....	30,570	458,454	692,503	1,151,149
South Dakota.....	November, 1889.....	77,050	327,290	1,518	328,808
Tennessee.....	June, 1796.....	42,050	1,332,971	434,300	1,767,518
Texas.....	December, 1845.....	265,780	1,741,190	492,837	2,235,523
Utah.....	September, 1850.....	84,970	205,899	2,006	207,905
Vermont.....	March, 1791.....	9,565	331,418	1,004	332,422
Virginia.....	June, 1788.....	42,450	1,014,680	640,867	1,655,980
Washington.....	November, 1889.....	69,180	340,513	8,877	348,390
West Virginia.....	June, 1788.....	24,780	729,262	33,508	762,794
Wisconsin.....	May, 1848.....	56,040	1,680,473	6,407	1,686,880
Wyoming.....	July, 1890.....	97,890	59,275	1,430	60,705
		3,025,600	54,983,890	7,638,360	62,622,250

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